

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Subject: Export of fresh, chilled and frozen vegetables and fruits from Kerala, India to Qatar**

APEDA has received a communication from Embassy of the State of Qatar, New Delhi informing the decision of the Joint Committee for Human Food Control, State of Qatar to lift the ban on the import of fresh, chilled and frozen vegetables and fruits from Kerala which was imposed due to incidence of Nipah virus in Kerala.

The communication is enclosed for information.

(U K Vats)  
General Manager

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**Important**

**The Embassy** of the State of Qatar, New Delhi presents its compliments to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of the friendly Republic of India, New Delhi and has the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter (with unofficial translation) addressed from the Food Safety & Environmental Health Department, Ministry of Public Health, State of Qatar to the Export Inspection Council, Kerala, Republic of India regarding the decision of the Joint Committee for Human Food Control, State of Qatar to lift the ban on the import of the fresh, chilled and frozen vegetables and fruits from Kerala due to disappearance of the Nipah Virus.

**The Embassy** would appreciate it, if the esteemed Ministry could kindly forward the enclosed letter to its destination at the earliest.

**The Embassy** of the State of Qatar avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Gulf Division  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

CC:

The Export Inspection Council  
Kerala  
Republic of India.



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To,

**The Expert Inspection Council  
Kerala  
Republic of India,**

Greetings,,,,

**Sub: Letter to the food control specialists in India - Kerala**

The Food Safety & Environmental Health Department, State of Qatar presents its compliments and with reference to the decision of the Joint Committee for Human Food Control, issued earlier banning the import of fresh, chilled and frozen vegetables and fruits from the Indian state of Kerala due to the outbreak of the Nipah virus.

After examining, following up and verifying the stability of the epidemiological situation based on official health reports, we would like to inform you that the Joint Committee for Human Food Control, State of Qatar has decided to lift the ban due to disappearance of the cause and to allow the import of fresh, chilled and frozen vegetables and fruits from Kerala, Republic of India.

Given the interest of the bilateral relations between the State of Qatar and the Republic of India in the field of food safety and facilitation of the trade of food shipments, you are requested to advise your specialists to inform us of any developments regarding the epidemiological situation in the Indian state of Kerala.

Best Regards...

**Wasan Abdullah Al Baker  
Director of Food Safety & Environmental Health  
Ministry of Public Health  
State of Qatar**