There are some media reports mentioning alleged detention of some consignments of groundnuts from India to Vietnam.

It is learnt that exporters have shipped some consignments of groundnut to Vietnam after fumigation with Methyl Bromide (MBr) instead of Aluminium Phosphide (Phosphine) as mentioned in the agreed Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) leading to detention of such consignments.

It may be recalled that the PPD of Vietnam had lifted the ban on 18th January, 2016 subject to the strict adherence with the terms and conditions of the SoP. The SoP was hosted on APEDA’s website for the general information and compliance of all exporters, who wish to export groundnuts to Vietnam.

The exporters are advised to strictly adhere to the agreed terms and conditions of the SoP so that there are no complaints/detentions in Vietnam.

It is further clarified that as on date there is no ban imposed by Vietnam on Indian groundnuts but the decision on the detained consignments is yet to be intimated by the PPD of Vietnam.

Exporters are cautioned to strictly adhere to the SoP for export of Peanuts to Vietnam and any complaint received from Vietnam in this regard will be taken seriously by APEDA and action as considered appropriate deemed fit will be taken against the defaulting exporters.

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