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To

All Exporters of Fresh Grapes

Sub: Advisory to exporters of Grapes for sharing Residue Analysis report with the growers

Dear Exporters,

This has reference to proposal dated 12/02/2018 of State Government of Maharashtra for issuance of Residue Analysis report copy of Grape to growers. The provisions under Procedure for export of Grapes, para 6.8 defines that, in case, the test results exceed the MRLs of the consignment declared by the exporter/farmer, the laboratory shall immediately (within 24 hours) bring the matter to the notice of NRL, PSC issuing Authority, Inspection Authority (Horticulture/Agriculture Officer) (whose address is given in Annexure-2), exporter/farmer and APEDA along with a copy of the test report giving details of the plots and the chemicals exceeding the levels. The laboratories shall, in case of failed samples, also send the chromatograms, etc. to the NRL. Objective of this para is to take corrective action in case of exceeding MRLs so that the non-complying product is not exported. This also enables NRL to issue internal alert.

In general, the laboratories issue analysis report to exporter/farmer who orders for sampling and analysis as per the provisions of ISO-17025 accreditation of the laboratories. The format given at Annexure-10, Certificate of residue analysis (First sample/re-sample) of Procedure for export of Grapes is also aligned with this requirement hence do not explicitly defines issuance of analysis report to concerned farmer as this would not be in compliance with the requirements of ISO-17025.

However, the exporters of grapes are hereby advised to share the qualifying Residue Analysis Certificate issued by the laboratories with respective growers.

Yours faithfully,

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