Advisory

Conclusion of Trial period and Revision of Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh Grapes from India to Canada

05-12-2017

Canada has granted market access for fresh grapes subject to initial Trial shipment period during which Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) was inspected 100% of the consignment of Grapes entering in Canada.

In the recent communication received from CFIA, it has been informed that the trial importation period for fresh grapes from India will be concluded. Further, it has been informed that **effective October 11, 2017 a permit to import fresh grapes from India will no longer be required and import inspection rates will be reduced to standard levels of CFIA**. The CFIA will revise the Phytosanitary import requirements for grapes from India. For summery of the same Click [Here](#). However, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has allowed the export of Grapes from Indian subject to the following applied conditions:

a) Vineyards and Pack houses must be registered with APEDA.

b) Traceability must be maintained.

c) Pest freedom must be ensured.

d) NPPO must inspect minimum 2% of the packed fruit cartons.

e) The PSC, issued by the NPPO of India, must include an additional declaration **"The fruits in this consignment was produced under systems approach and was inspected and**
found free from *Coniella diplodiella, Conogethes punctiferalis, Monilina fructigena* and *Nippoptilia vitis*”.

All the interested exporters are advised to strictly adhere the other regulatory and labelling requirements of Canadian Authority for export of grapes to Canada.

*This has been approved by the Competent Authority.*

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Date: 05.12.2017
Place: New Delhi
September 8, 2017

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Dear Mr. Kumar,

SUBJECT: Conclusion of trial period and revision of phytosanitary import requirements for fresh grapes (Vitis spp.) from India

I am writing to inform you that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has collected sufficient data to assess the efficacy of the phytosanitary import requirements for fresh grapes from India. The results from the trial period were very good and the CFIA is pleased to inform you that the trial importation period for fresh grapes from India will be concluded.

Effective October 11, 2017, a permit to import fresh grapes from India will no longer be required and import inspection rates will be reduced to standard levels. The CFIA will update the Automated Import Reference System (www.inspection.gc.ca/airs) and Plant Protection Directive D-95-08: Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh temperate fruits and tree nuts (https://goo.gl/74rUwV), accordingly.

Also effective October 11, 2017, the CFIA will revise the phytosanitary import requirements for grapes from India. The revisions are described below and a summary of the import requirements is attached for your reference.

1. The CFIA will require that fresh grapes from India be certified free from Niphotila vitis (Sasaki). Shipments of grapes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the following additional declaration: "The fruit in this consignment was produced under a systems approach and was inspected and found free from Coniella diplodiella, Conogethes punctiferalis, Monilinia fructigena and Niphotila vitis."
2. Grower lots found infested by the pests listed in the additional declaration must be rejected for shipment to Canada, and fruit from the corresponding production vineyard must be prohibited from exporting grapes to Canada for the remainder of the shipping season.

3. Minor amendments have been made to wording describing how vineyards must control pests to prevent their occurrence in grapes destined for export to Canada.

Should any new pests of grape emerge in India, please inform the CFIA so that a pest risk analysis may be initiated.

We trust that the October 11, 2017, date will provide adequate time for your exporters to prepare for the 2018 shipping season. I look forward to future collaboration as we continue to advance files of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Attachment (1):

1. Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh grapes (*Vitis* spp.) from India
Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh grapes (Vitis spp.) from India

The following phytosanitary import requirements will enter into effect October 11, 2017, and be published in Appendix 2.8 of Plant Protection Directive D-95-08 (https://goo.gl/TqzUwV).

The grapes must be commercially produced.

The vineyards and packing houses must be registered by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of India to export fresh grapes to Canada.

Traceability must be maintained throughout production, grading, packing and shipping. The NPPO of India must be able to trace any non-compliant shipment back to the registered packing house and registered production vineyard.

The grapes must originate from vineyards in India approved to export to Canada by the NPPO of India, where cultural practices and chemical controls are carried out to ensure freedom from the following regulated pests:

- Coniella diplodiella (Speg.) Petr. & Syd.
- Conogethes punctiferalis Guenée
- Monilinia fructigena (Aderh. & Ruhl.)
- Nippopitilia vitis (Sasaki)

Indian stakeholders involved in producing, grading, packing and shipping grapes to Canada must be familiar with Canada's import requirements and have processes in place to ensure that grapes from non-registered vineyards are not shipped to Canada and that exported grapes are free of the pests regulated by Canada.

Adequate pest exclusion measures should be implemented to prevent contamination of the grapes by quarantine pests during harvest, post-harvest handling and shipping.

A minimum of 2% of the packed fruit cartons must be inspected by the NPPO of India in order to certify fruit for export to Canada.

Grower lots found infested with the pests listed above must be rejected for shipment to Canada, and the corresponding production vineyard must be prohibited from exporting grapes to Canada for the remainder of the shipping season.

A Phytosanitary Certificate is required and must include the following additional declaration:

"The fruit in this consignment was produced under a systems approach and was inspected and found free from Coniella diplodiella, Conogethes punctiferalis, Monilinia fructigena and Nippopitilia vitis."

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