

Annexure-XII

Procedure for dealing with RASFF

1. An intimation alongwith copy of the RASFF shall be disseminated by APEDA through email to IOPEPC, NRL and to authorized laboratory. IOPEPC shall intimate to the concerned exporter and other stakeholders as deemed fit within next three days.
2. IOPEPC shall obtain feedback from the concerned exporter within seven days. After expiry of seven days IOPEPC may consider giving another seven days to the exporter for submission of feed back pertaining to respective RASFF. On expiry of fourteen days, if the exporters fail to submit feedback, IOPEPC shall be at liberty to deny issue of Certificate of Exports and NOC to the exporter.
3. IOPEPC shall obtain feed back pertaining to respective RASFF from the concerned exporter, assess the feed back and submit summary to APEDA within twenty days of dissemination of the RASFF to IOPEPC.
4. IOPEPC shall advise the concerned exporter not to undertake export of subsequent consignment without complying food safety norms of the importing country. An advice shall be issued by IOPEPC to the concerned exporter for rigorous implementation and review of food safety management systems alongwith suggested corrective action for ensuring compliances so as to ensure non-occurrence of RASFF.
5. Issue of Certificate of Exports by IOPEPC to the concerned exporter for the next ten consecutive consignments subsequent to RASFF shall be subject to following enhanced sampling. Method of Sampling and analysis shall be applicable as prescribed in Annexure-III of Regulation of export of peanuts and peanut products through control of aflatoxins dated 8.8.2011:
 - (i) Number of samples on 1st RASFF to be doubled but sampling to be done as per method of sampling
 - (ii) Number of samples on 2nd RASFF to be tripled but sampling to be done as per method of sampling
 - (iii) Number of samples on 3rd RASFF onwards to be 100% (samples to be drawn from all the bags) as per method of sampling
6. The enhanced sampling to be carried out subsequent to RASFF as mentioned at para 5 above, in case any of the sample(s) fails the entire consignment fails for exports.
7. Upon dissemination of RASFF to the concerned exporter by IOPEPC verification of the concerned unit or storage of the exporter shall be undertaken by IOPEPC periodically to ensure food safety requirement of

importing countries before issue of subsequent Certificate of Exports and NOC. The periodicity of verification by IOPEPC shall be on quarterly basis depending on occurrence of the RASFF. The cost pertaining to verification visit by IOPEPC to the concerned unit or storage of the exporters shall be borne by the respective exporter. IOPEPC shall organize verification visit to such concerned units or storage godowns of the exporters on quarterly or half yearly basis until IOPEPC is satisfied with their performance.

8. Subsequent to issue of NOC by IOPEPC, IOPEPC shall obtain a self certified copy of B/L within three months of issue of NOC from the concerned exporter. In case the exporter needs extension for submission of B/L, IOPEPC may consider the same as deemed appropriate. In case the exporter fails to submit copy of B/L within a reasonable period, IOPEPC shall not issue Certificate of Exports and NOC to the exporter.
9. IOPEPC may order re-testing of control samples retained by the authorized lab (cost to be borne by exporter) by any other authorized lab or NRL to confirm the analysis results of laboratory of importing country.
10. In case the control sample passes, the exporter shall take up with the EU through importer to withdraw RASFF/Border Rejection RASFF. A copy of the same shall also be submitted through IOPEPC to APEDA.
11. IOPEPC shall submit a copy of each NOC issued to import the consignment to FSSAI under intimation to APEDA in case of border rejection RASFF as well as usages of the produce.
12. IOPEPC shall submit to APEDA a consolidated report on monthly basis with evidence of action taken on each RASFF, findings and its recommendations.