

**Agricultural and Processed Food Products
Export Development Authority (APEDA)
(Ministry of Commerce, Government of India)**

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Trade Notice

On-line Registration of Contracts for Export of Basmati Rice

Vide Notification No. 6 (RE-2012)/2009-2014 dated July 4, 2012 and No 97 (RE-2010) / 2009-2014 dated February 21, 2012, issued by Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India, New Delhi (DGFT) the export of Basmati Rice is allowed subject to the following conditions:

1. Export allowed subject to registration of contracts with the APEDA, New Delhi, prior to the shipment.
2. Grain of rice to be exported shall be more than 6.61mm of length and ratio of length to breadth of the grain shall be more than 3.5;
3. Export of Basmati Rice is permitted through all EDI ports;
4. Exports to European Union permitted subject to pre-shipment quality inspection as may be specified by the Government through a notification; (Authenticity Certificate issued by Export Inspection Council of India (EIC) after pre-shipment quality inspection is mandatory for export of brown Basmati rice as per agreement, between EU and India, for duty derogation on 8 specific varieties of Basmati rice. Inspection by EIC on voluntary basis may be asked for by exporters for export of white Basmati rice where import duty will be levied by EU as applicable from time to time).
5. Export to Russian Federation permitted subject to pre-shipment quality certification issued by

- (1) Insecticide Residue Testing Laboratory, Pune
- (2) Geo-Chem Laboratories Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
- (3) Reliable Analytical Laboratory, Mumbai
- (4) Arbro Pharmaceuticals Ltd, New Delhi
- (5) Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi
- (6) Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Bangalore
- (7) Delhi Test House, New Delhi
- (8) Vimta Labs, Hyderabad

Or any other agency as may be notified from time to time;

6. Exports of empty printed gunny bags with Markings indicating the product being Indian Basmati Rice, in whatever manner, are not permitted except when exported along with the consignments of Basmati Rice, in which cases also, the same shall not exceed 2 % of the total number of filled gunny bags of Basmati Rice being exported;

7. In case of un-bagged Indian Basmati Rice being exported in bulk or in bags of 50kgs or above, the exports of empty printed gunny bags with Markings indicating the product being Indian Basmati Rice, in whatever manner, shall also be permitted to the extent of actual requirements considering the total quantity of the consignment and sizes of the empty bags being exported.

Further, as per clarification issued by DGFT vide OM No. 01/91/180/775/AM10/Exp Cell/2267 to 2274 dated July 6, 2010 presence of grains of other varieties of rice (non-Basmati) should not exceed 20% as prescribed under the AGMARK norms for grading of Basmati rice.

APEDA has, therefore, evolved the following procedure for on-line Registration of Contracts and issuance of Registration-Cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC). The on-line payment and issuance of RCAC is being implemented w.e.f. July 10, 2015.

- Procedure : Application for registration of contracts for export of Basmati Rice will have to be filed by the exporters on-line at APEDA website www.apeda.gov.in using the USER ID and Password provided to the registered member exporters. A scanned copy of LC/contract/proforma invoice has to be uploaded before filing the application for registration of contract.
- Processing charges : As approved by Department of Commerce vide F.No. 12/8/2008-EP(Agri.III) dated November 3, 2014 processing charges at the rate of Rs. 34.20 per MT (Rs.30 per MT plus service tax @ 14%) of the contracted quantity shall be paid through on line payment gateway.
- Registration : The application shall be scrutinized with the soft copy of LC/contract/proforma invoice submitted on-line and a Registration-Cum-Allocation-Certificate (RCAC) shall also be issued on-line and made available on the login page of the applicant at APEDA website. The applicant may take a printout of the RCAC for submission to customs along with other export documents.
- Validity **The RCAC shall be issued to all the exporters with its validity for shipment up to 45 days from the date of issue. Therefore, while applying for registration of contract exporters are advised to ensure that the quantity applied for registration is the one which is planned to be shipped in next 45 days.**

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