EMPANELMENT OF VETERINARIANS AND FOOD SAFETY EXPERTS FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCT

Applications are invited from Veterinarians and Food Safety experts for empanelment with APEDA to assist in registration of livestock products processing plants. Details are available at APEDA website www.apeda.gov.in. The applications may reach APEDA within 21 days of the release of this advertisement.

General Manager (P&A)

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Registration of meat processing plants – Inviting applications from Veterinary Doctors & HACCP experts

- 1. As per the current Foreign Trade Policy, the export of boneless meat of buffalo is allowed subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated under the policy (DGFT Notification No. 82 (RE-2010)/2009-2014, dated 31st Oct. 2011). Note six of the export policy stipulates that export of meat and meat products will be allowed subject to exporter furnishing a declaration to the customs at the time of export that the meat has been obtained/sourced from APEDA registered processing plant. It is, therefore, mandatory for the meat to register their processing plant with APEDA prior to export. Guidelines for registration of meat processing facilities with APEDA available at **APEDA** website. (Circular are APEDA/MPD/Registration/2013 dated 6th December, 2013).
- 2. Under these guidelines, the processing plants are required to make an application to APEDA which should be accompanied by meat plant infrastructure data and other documents. The preliminary scrutiny of these applications is done by APEDA and in case it is in order, the Plant Registration Committee members are requested for conducting the physical inspection of the processing plant. The Plant Registration Committee comprises of members which are drawn from different Government Departments/Organizations. In case of major non compliances observed by the Plant Registration Committee, the compliance are physically verified by at least two member committee.
- 3. Currently, there are 110 integrated abattoir cum meat processing plants/stand alone abattoir/meat processing plant. While the integrated plants are registered for two years, the stand alone abattoir and the meat processing plants are registered for one year. Re-inspection of the plant by the Plant Registration Committee is required for renewal of registration. Moreover, in number of cases where re-verification of compliance of deficiencies is to be done, the plant is required to be inspected by a two member committee. Therefore, more than 70 plants are implemented in a year for registration of meat processing plants.

- 4. APEDA invites application from retired veterinary doctors having minimum qualification of BVSC, HACCP expert with Bachelor's Degree in Food Technology/Food Microbiology/Food Chemistry/Dairy Technology/Analytical Chemistry along with lead HACCP training from a recognized institution, to assist APEDA in carrying out the following activities of plant registration:
 - a. Preliminary scrutiny and desk assessment of applications
 - b. To join the Plant Registration Committee for physical inspection of plants
 - c. To join the Committee for re-inspection of plant for verification of compliances
 - d. Assessment of the inspection reports and recommendation for registration of the plant
 - e. Any other work assigned by APEDA
- 5. The experts will be called by APEDA as and when required and will be paid an honorarium of Rs.5,000/- per day for desk work as well as for inspection of the plant. APEDA will bear the travel and stay expenses of the experts when deputed for plant inspection.

Applications may be submitted to General Manager (P&A), APEDA, New Delhi giving details of qualifications and experience. The last date for receiving the application is 13/02/2017.