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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
(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. 18/2015-20 dated August 1, 2016 issued by Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India, New Delhi (DGFT), the export of Basmati Rice is allowed subject to certain conditions one of which is registration of contracts with the APEDA, New Delhi, prior to the shipment.

APEDA has, therefore, evolved the following procedure for on-line Registration of Contracts and issuance of Registration-Cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC). Other conditions of DGFT notification and requirements of importing countries are as follows:

1. Grain of rice to be exported shall be more than 6.61 mm of length and ratio of length to breadth of the grain shall be more than 3.5.
2. Export is permitted through Custom EDI ports. Export is also permitted through non-EDI Land Custom Stations (LCS) on Indo Bangladesh and Indo-Nepal border subject to registration of quantity with DGFT Regional Authorities (RAs) Kolkata and Patna and such other RAs as notified by DGFT from time to time will be the designated RAs for the purpose of such registration of quantity.
3. 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.
4. In case of un-bagged Indian Basmati Rice being exported in bulk or in bags of 50 kgs 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.
5. Export of Basmati rice shall not be permitted on the basis of Document against Acceptance (D/A) unless such export is covered either by Bank Guarantee or ECGC Guarantee.


- 6. Exports to **Russian Federation** is permitted subject to pre-shipment quality certification issued by APEDA authorized laboratories as updated on APEDA website from time to time.
- 7. Export to **USA** and **China** will be allowed only from the rice mills/ processing units registered with Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Dept. of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India in accordance with OM F.no119-36/2010-POD (Vol V) dt. 04.02.2016.
- 8. For export to **Indonesia** pre-shipment testing is required from one of the laboratories approved by the Indonesia Agriculture Quarantine Agency.
- 9. For export of rice to **Iran** pre-shipment inspection is required in accordance with APEDA Trade Notice dated June 17, 2014.
- 10. As per DGFT Notification No. 52/2023 dated 12th December 2023, exports to **EU Member States and European Countries namely United Kingdom, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** permitted subject to issuance of 'Certificate of Inspection' by Export Inspection Council (EIC)/ Export Inspection Agency (EIA). Certificate of Inspection by EIC/EIA shall be mandatory for export to **remaining European Countries w.e.f. 11th June 2024**. Accordingly applicants would be required to upload 'Certification of Inspection' issued by EIC/ EIA while applying online for issuance of RCAC by APEDA for export of Basmati Rice to EU Member States and European Countries namely Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland and as per instructions received from the Government in this regard from time to time.
- 11. Export to **Saudi Arabia** will be permitted to rice establishments which have adopted international standards for food safety management such as ISO 22000 and / or HACCP w.e.f November 1, 2019. Merchant exporters can export Basmati Rice to Saudi Arabia, however, before issue of RCAC the applicants will be required to upload a certificate from SFDA accredited rice establishment from where the rice has been purchased.
- 12. This trade notice is being issued by APEDA in supersession of all previous trade notices issued in respect of on-line registration of contracts for export of Basmati Rice.

B 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.

Applicant will declare specifically that export is not being undertaken on the basis of Document against Acceptance (D/A) unless such export is covered either by Bank Guarantee or ECGC Guarantee.

The Exporter shall submit a copy of the relevant certificates issued from laboratories or EIC/ EIA along with the application for issuance of Registration-Cum-Allocation-Certificate (RCAC) in APEDA as per Clause 10.

- C 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.34.50 per MT (Rs.30 per MT plus GST @ 18%) of the contracted quantity shall be paid through on line payment gateway. Any change in Service Tax will be applicable as and when announced by the Govt.
- D Registration** : The application shall be scrutinized with the soft copy of LC/contract/ proforma invoice submitted on-line and a 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.
- E 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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