TO ALL THE PACK HOUSES RECOGNIZED FOR EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO EU

Ref.No. FFV/PH REC/2014

Dated: April 11, 2014

Dear Sir

As you are aware effective 1st April 2014 no export of fruits and vegetables to the EU can take place unless routed through APEDA recognized pack houses where dedicated quarantine area would be set up and phyto-sanitary inspection carried out by inspectors of NPPO. Your pack house has been recognized by APEDA for export of fruits and vegetables, after carrying out due inspection in accordance with APEDA Horticulture Pack house Recognition Scheme 2012.

It is essential that complete procedure of export to the EU for fruits and vegetables is adhered to by the pack houses. Maintenance of records of arrival of material and actual shipped quantity needs to be maintained and reported on daily basis to APEDA Regional Offices with copy to APEDA Head Office at the id. vkkaul@apeda.gov.in. We are attaching a form for daily reporting in excel sheet. You are advised to fill date wise details in a continued form and forward the same on a daily basis.

It may please be noted that there have been serious concerns about interception of pests and detection of higher than permissible levels of pesticide residues in fruits and vegetables consignments shipped from India in the last couple of years.

It is, therefore, incumbent upon all the pack houses and other stakeholders to maintain proper records, hygienic standards in the pack house strictly in accordance with APEDA Pack House Recognition Scheme and data about exports.
It may be noted that APEDA recognition was granted based on compliance with norms stipulated under APEDA Scheme and therefore no violation of these norms will be acceptable. Periodic inspections will also be carried out by APEDA to ensure that compliance is adhered to at all times. Any failure of procedural norms by such recognized pack houses will be viewed seriously and desired action against such defaulting pack houses.

We reiterate that the excel sheet must be regularly forwarded at the end of the day to APEDA as mentioned above.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

(Vinod K Kaul)
Dy. General Manager