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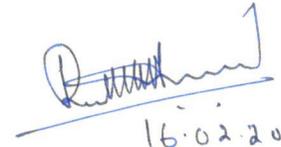
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Sub: Advisory on export of agricultural products to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia has raised concern on the outbreak of Nipah virus disease in West Bengal and Kerala with reported cases of human infection. As agriculture products can be contaminated by secretions of infected bats such as saliva, urine and feces, the concerned Saudi authorities have intimated not to export any agricultural products from West Bengal and Kerala to Saudi Arabia. Further, it has also been advised to strengthen the phytosanitary controls on agricultural products from other states by subjecting them to thorough visual inspections to detect any signs of animal activity (such as bite marks or droppings) on the products and to verify their apparent soundness.

In view of the above, all concerned exporters are advised not to export any agricultural products from West Bengal and Kerala to Saudi Arabia until the epidemiological health situation stabilizes, while the exports of all consignments of agricultural products from remaining states shall adhere to specific phytosanitary controls as mentioned above.


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