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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority**  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

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**Subject: Advisory for rice exports to Lebanon -reg.**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Lebanon, vide its email to APEDA dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026 has informed that Lebanon has established specific requirements for imported rice concerning pesticide residues, in line with European standards.

Over the past year, several consignments of imported rice were said to have been rejected due to contamination with pesticide residues exceeding the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) permitted under EU regulations. There is no notification/communication received from Lebanese Authorities on the said rejections yet.

In this regard, it is advised that the exporters may implement risk mitigation measures or refrain from exporting the rice consignments containing residues exceeding the MRLs permitted under EU regulations.

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