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

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Subject: Mandatory Submission of HACCP Compliance Documents for Recognition of Packhouses

APEDA grants recognition to packhouses to encourage exporters of horticultural produce to comply with international standards relating to the quality and safety of produce, including compliance with plant quarantine requirements.

Pursuant to the onsite assessment of European Commission for verification of control measures adopted for export to EU, compliance with Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) requirements has been made mandatory as per Annex II of Regulation (EC) No. 852/2004 for export of fresh fruits and vegetables. Accordingly, verification of HACCP compliance has also been incorporated into the packhouse recognition procedure as a prerequisite for the issuance of the Certificate of Recognition.

Therefore, all packhouse facilities applying for recognition are required to submit the following documents, in addition to those specified in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Packhouse Recognition Scheme:
1. HACCP/FSMS manual of the Packhouse.
2. HACCP/ISO 22000 Inspection report and Certificate or any other advanced food safety compliance certificate.

The Inspection Committee shall verify HACCP compliance during the inspection of the facility, in addition to examining the submitted documents and assessing compliance with other requirements prescribed under the packhouse recognition procedure.

All packhouse operators are advised to ensure compliance to HACCP requirements and submission of the above-mentioned documents, along with all other requisite documents specified under the scheme, to facilitate the recognition process for exports to EU.

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