

**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 permitted subject to pre-shipment quality certification issued by
  - (1) Insecticide Residue Testing Laboratory, Pune
  - (2) Geo-Chem Laboratories Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai
  - (3) Reliable Analytical Laboratory, Mumbai
  - (4) Arbro Pharmaceuticals Ltd, New Delhi
  - (5) Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi

(6) Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Bangalore  
(7) Delhi Test House, New Delhi  
(8) Vimta Labs, Hyderabad  
or any other agency as may be notified from time to time;

7. Export to USA 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, exports to European Union permitted subject to pre-shipment quality inspection as may be specified by the Government through a notification;  
**“Pre-shipment testing of pesticide residues for export of Basmati rice to European Union from BEDF Lab, Modipuram or other NABL accredited lab would be essential for obtaining RCAC. Testing at in house lab of the exporter will be acceptable if such lab is accredited by NABL. The laboratory used by the exporter should have capability for testing residue as per the EU MRLs. The list of pesticides to be tested will be notified by APEDA from time to time in consultation with trade and industry.”**
11. Pre-shipment testing as per condition No. 10 above shall also be applicable for export of Basmati rice to Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
12. Exporters and laboratories are required to ensure that sample of basmati rice has been drawn in accordance with internationally accepted guidelines viz., Codex document containing recommended methods of sampling for the determination of pesticide residue for compliance with MRLs CAC/GL 33-1999.
13. At present there are 22 Pesticide which are required to be tested. The details with respective MRLs are given at Annexure- II
14. No duplication of lab tests report should be there while issue of RCAC (one lab test report should be allowed for one consignment only).
15. Export to China is permitted from Rice establishments approved by GACC.
16. 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 rice establishment from where the rice has been purchased.

***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.***

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](http://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.**

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.

Registration : The application shall be scrutinized with the soft copy of LC/contract/proforma invoice submitted on-line and a Registration-Cum-Allocation-Certificate (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.

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.**

**S.S.Nayyar  
General Manager**

## Application for Registration of Contract for Export of Basmati Rice

Name of the applicant firm	
Date and number of the certificate of Registration issued by DPPQ&S for export to USA.	
APEDA Registration No (RCMC)	
Exporter's Category (Merchant/Manufacturer)	
IEC Code	
Product	Basmati Rice (Dehusked (Brown), semi milled, milled both in parboiled or raw form)
LC/ Contract No/ Invoice/ Proforma Invoice and date	
Declaration	<b>We declare 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.</b>
Validity Date	
Quantity of Contract	
Port of Origin	
Destination Port	
Importer's Name	
Importer's Address	
Importer's Country	
<b>QUANTITY APPLIED (MT)</b>	
FOB Value Per MT (In USD)	
APPLICATION NO.	

### CONTRIBUTION MADE TO APEDA A/C @ RS 34.50/- per MT

Demand Draft No.		DD Date	
Bank Name		Branch	
Amount in Rs.			

**Date:**

**Signature**

**Note:** The RCAC shall be issued to all the exporters with its validity for shipment upto 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.

**LIST OF REGIONAL OFFICES OF APEDA**

**ANNEXURE I**

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## ANNEXURE II

## List of Pesticides to be tested for export of Basmati rice to EU

Requirement of Pre-shipment Testing of Pesticide Residues for export of Basmati Rice to European Union w.e.f. November 1, 2017 was notified vide Trade Notice dated July 26, 2017. List of following 22 Pesticides to be tested has been decided in consultation with trade and industry:

Sr. No.	Details of Agrochemicals	EU MRL (mg/kg)/ppm
1.	Acephate	0.01*
2.	Buprofezin (F)	0.01
3.	Carbendazim and Benomyl [sum of benomyl and carbendazim expressed as carbendazim (R)]	0.01*
4.	Carbofuran	0.01*
5.	Chlorpyrifos (F)	0.5
6.	Clothianidin	0.5
7.	Cyfluthrin (Cyfluthrin including other mixtures of constituent isomers (sum of isomers) (F)	0.02*
8.	Flonicamid (sum of flonicamid, TNFG and TNFA expressed as flonicamid) (R)	0.03*
9.	Imidacloprid	1.5
10.	Isoprothiolane	6
11.	Metconazole (sum of isomers) (F)	0.02*
12.	Methamidophos	0.01*
13.	Primiphos-methyl (F)	0.5
14.	Profenofos (F)	0.01*
15.	Propiconazole (sum of isomers) (F)	1.5 #
16.	Prothioconazole : Prothiconazole-desthio (sum of isomers) (F)	0.01*
17.	Tebuconazole (R)	1.5
18.	Tebufenozide (F)	3
19.	Thiamethoxam	0.01*
20.	Thiophanate Methyl (R)	0.01*
21.	Triazophos (F)	0.02*
22.	Tricyclazole	0.01*

(# MRL for Propiconazole will be 0.01 (mg/kg) w.e.f. 20/03/2020).

Pesticide Residue and Maximum Residue levels in (mg/kg), (\*) indicates lower limit of analytical determination.