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Circular

Circular No.13/2022-2023

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Sub : Revised Levels of Ochratoxin A in Spices by EU - reg
Ref : COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2022/1370 of 5 August 2022

Ochratoxin A is a mycotoxin naturally produced by fungi of the genus *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* and is found as a contaminant in a wide variety of foods, such as spices, cereals and cereal products, coffee beans, dried fruits, wine and grape juice and liquorice. Ochratoxin A is formed during sun drying and storage of crops. The formation can be prevented by applying good drying and storage practices.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1370 of 5 August 2022, amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 has revised the maximum levels of Ochratoxin A in spices & spice products and herbs with effect from 1st January 2023.

The existing provisions for ochratoxin A in certain spices & herbs have been broadened to all spices in section 2 and subsection 2.2.14 of the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006, by the new regulation. The revised levels of Ochratoxin A in spices and herbs are as follows:

Foodstuffs	Maximum Ochratoxin A level (µg/kg)
Spices, including dried spices except <i>Capsicum</i> spp.	15
<i>Capsicum</i> spp. (dried fruits thereof, whole or ground, including chillies, chilli powder, cayenne or paprika)	20
Mixtures of spices	15
Herbs	10

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In view of the above, exporters of spices and spice products to EU are advised to ensure compliance with the Ochratoxin A levels specified in the EU Regulation No.2022/1370.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1370 can be accessed using the below link.

<https://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R1370&from=EN>

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To,

All Registered Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations.

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