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ADVISORY FOR EXPORTERS OF POTATOES TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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SUB: EXPORT OF POTATOES TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In a recent communication received from the Federal Services for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (FSVPS) to Russian Federation, it has been informed that 23 consignments of Indian potatoes have been intercepted with pests and disease and stringent action has been foretold.

In this regard, vide letter No. 18-11/2002-PPI Vol IV dated 28th May 2014 issued from Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, it has been directed that the grant of phyto sanitary certificate for potatoes to the Russian Federation will be issued only on production of certificate from a laboratory approved by APEDA. The list of 8 laboratories approved by Russia is given in **Annexure.** Also the sampling intensity for potatoes to the Russian Federation will be doubled.

In accordance with the above directives, exporters are advised not to make any shipment of potatoes to the Russian Federation without violating above stipulated condition. It is therefore, notified through this advisory that any deviation from the procedure stipulated under this advisory would be viewed seriously and the onus of the consequences will solely be on the defaulting exporters.

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