

ADVISORY ON EXPORT OF PEANUT TO VIETNAM


The Government of Vietnam has reported interception of groundnut bruchid (*Caryedon serratus*) in various peanut consignments. Such interceptions may attract higher level of phytosanitary measures by the importing countries even suspension/ban on import. As per observations of committee constituted for investigation on non-compliances, it is found that the consignments were not properly processed in the registered units, fumigated and inspected. Therefore, it is imperative to take integrated approach and requisite phytosanitary measures by all stakeholders to ensure freedom from pests in all such consignments. Hence, all the PSC Issuing Officers are hereby advised to adhere to the following measures:

- 1) Ensure the export of peanut processed in registered units as the provisions given in "SoP for export of Peanuts".
- 2) Proper cleaning and sanitation of processing units and their surroundings should be ensured. Prophylactic spray towards disinfection of peanut processing units/godowns/packing machines may be carried out periodically.
- 3) The whole quantity of lot/consignment should be inspected for which phytosanitary certificate is required following inspection procedure as per the SOP for Export Inspection and Certification.
- 4) Monitoring of storage pests especially groundnut bruchid (*Caryedon serratus*) and Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) in mills/processing areas and warehouses should be conducted.
- 5) For effective fumigation, treatment procedure should be followed as per relevant NSPMs. The accredited fumigation operator should only perform the fumigation operations. Fumigation/treatment should be encouraged in the Godowns and the requisite concentration of fumigants and complete exposure period should be followed. It may be ensured that the untreated commodities should not be stacked close to the treated lot to avoid cross infestation.
- 6) For containerized shipment, cleanliness status of the container should be ensured before stuffing.
- 7) The PSC issuing authorities must ensure freedom from storage pests especially groundnut bruchid and Khapra Beetle through post treatment inspection of the consignments, if required.
- 8) Import Permit requirements of importing country should be checked and followed by the PSC issuing authorities while issuing PSCs.

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