

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CUSTOM HOUSE: COCHIN - 682 009**

TRADE FACILITY No.8/2005

Subject: Directions of the Spices Board on export of turmeric powder and mandatory registration of exporters of spices with Spices Board – reg.

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It has been informed by Spices Board vide letter No.TIS/STS/86/03 dated 09.02.2005 that as per Section 11 of the Spices Board Act, 1986, it is mandatory for every exporter of spices to register with the Spices Board.

Hence, all exporters of spices are hereby intimated that hereinafter, export of spices will be allowed only on production of the certificate of registration issued by the Spices Board. Those who are not yet registered with the Spices Board may approach them for registration (website: www.indianspices.com). Copy of letter No. TIS/STS/86/03 dated 09.02.2005 of the Spices Board is enclosed herewith.

It is further intimated that as per the Spices Board's Circular No.MD/CHI/01/03 dated 16.04.2005 (copy enclosed), submission of an analytical report from the Spices Board to the effect that the consignment is free from Sudan I-IV is hereinafter mandatory for Customs clearance of export of turmeric powder. All are advised to comply with the requirements.

Sd/-
(G.V.NAIK)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

F.No.C1/68/04-TU
Dated:10.05.2005
Custom House, Cochin –09.

Enclosure: as above.

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& A.Cs / Guard File.

CIRCULAR

MD/CHI/01/03 dated 16.04.2005
Dated: 16.04.2005

Sub: Testing of samples of turmeric powder for Sudan I - IV.
Ref: Circulars of even No. dated 9.10.2003, 12.11.2003, 4.12.2003, 03.03.2005 and 8.03.2005.

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The various provisions contained in the above referred Circulars in so far as they refer to the mandatory sampling of consignments of chilli products/food products containing chilli products and the procedures relating to the sampling, the analysis thereof for the presence of Sudan I - IV, the procedures for supervised containerization of sampled material, the requirement of producing a certificate from Spices Board to the effect that the export consignment from which the sample was drawn is free from Sudan I - IV and fit to be exported, before the cargo is Customs cleared, also shall henceforth apply mutatis mutandis to turmeric powder exported from India subject to the condition that they shall apply to all exports of turmeric powder taking place on or after 1st May 2005 to destinations in the EU, USA, North America, Australia, New Zealand and Japan and to other destinations with effect from the date to be notified hereafter.

This issues under the provisions of the Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Amendment Regulation 2004.

(C.J.JOSE)
CHAIRMAN