

Export of Indian Grape to Canada

Government of Canada has granted market access for Indian Grapes vide their letter dated 23rd April 2015. Subsequently, APEDA released an advisory dated 30th October 2015 to all exporters willing to export grapes as trial shipment. It was intimated that 100% inspection of the consignment upon arrival to take place by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) with the following applied conditions:

- a) Vineyards and Pack houses must be registered with APEDA.
- b) Traceability must be maintained.
- c) Pest freedom must be ensured.
- d) NPPO must inspect minimum 2% of the packed fruit cartons.
- e) The Canadian importers must obtain the import permit.
- f) The PSC, issued by the NPPO of India, must include an additional declaration "this shipment has been inspected and found free of all stages of any pests regulated by Canada".

In the grape season 2016, first consignment was successfully shipped to Canada 28th March 2016 and got cleared.

On the same line, this year, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage (DPPQS) has vide their letter no. 115-3/2009-PQD dated 03/02/2017 informed that all stakeholders viz. exporters, pack houses, etc. associated with APEDA needs to follow the same system approach adopted and followed for export of table grapes to EU.

The exporters are advised to adhere to the applied conditions in the advisory released during the year 2015. Government of Canada has agreed to accept the table grapes from India with the same systems approach being followed for export of grapes to European Union. Pest control tests or residue analysis tests are to be done from APEDA accredited laboratories. The exporters are further advised to export grapes to the importers with valid import permit.

The import of grapes from India shall be inspected by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the effectiveness of the systems approach during this year on trial basis.

Exporters are kindly requested to inform APEDA while making exports to Canada for our reference and further necessary action.

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