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ADVISORY FOR EXPORTS OF FOOD ITEMS TO DUBAI

Consulate General of India has reported that India is the top exporting country to supply food items to UAE followed by UK, The Netherlands, Oman, US, Thailand and Italy and India's exports is around 20% of food requirement of UAE. However, lots of products imported from India contravened the provisions of the food standards and safety of Dubai Municipality (DM) in 2017.

Indian exporters exporting food items to UAE are requested to apply for the regulations and provisions of the food safety and standards prescribed by UAE and take constructive steps to comply with them and minimise the percentage of rejection resulting in minimum losses and retaining India's position as leading food exporter to the UAE.

Some of the aspects of standards required to be complied by exporters for exporting food items to Dubai, duly compiled CGI in UAE, are as below:

❖ **Label requirements:** The food item label is required to mention the following information:

- Brand name.
- Product name.
- Ingredients.
- Names or E numbers of additives, if any.
- Production and expiry dates.
- Manufacturer's name (distributor or importer).
- Net weight
- Country of origin.
- Barcode.
- Storage temperature.
- Warning, if any.
- The method of preparation, if any or instruction for use
- Nutritional facts.

The above information is also required to be mentioned in Arabic language.

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❖ **Health Certificate** from Authorized Government Entity:

- The health certificate issued by the authorized body from the country of origin should indicate the fitness of the food item for human consumption.
- The original certificate must be submitted to the inspector at the entry port during the inspection of the consignment.
- The health certificate should incorporate the following details:
 - Logo and address
 - Issuing Authority
 - Title
 - Certificate no.
 - Date of Issue
 - Exporter
 - Importer
 - Item Description
 - Quantity
 - Weight
 - Health Statement
 - Production Date
 - Expiry Date
 - Storage Temp
 - Authorized Signature and stamp

❖ **Halal Certificate** (For the meat, poultry & its products)

The meat should be from approved slaughterhouses only. Slaughterhouses are approved by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. Halal certificate should be from an approved halal organization and should have the following details:

- Official logo of the Islamic association
- Serial number/ Date
- Abattoir's name and address
- Item description
- Brand name
- Total Quantity/weight
- Port of loading
- Slaughtering date
- Production/ Expiry date
- Producing company & plant
- Importer
- Exporter
- Halal statement.
- Name and signature of authorized person

❖ **Organic Certificate (If claimed)**

The food items claiming to be organic should have Organic Certificate from the accredited bodies of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. The list of the approved bodies can be found at below sitelink:

<http://www.moccae.gov.ae/ar/laws-and-legislations/ministerial-decrees/general-ministerial-decrees.aspx#page=1>

Indian origin products with 'India Organic' certification are allowed to be imported as organic products in UAE.

❖ **GMO free Certificate (If Claimed)**

This certificate is mandatory for the food items claiming to be GMO free. The original certificate must be submitted at the entry port during the inspection of the consignment. Certificate must be issued by the authorized body.

- ❖ Other Certificate as per the Circular
- ❖ **Packing list**
- ❖ **Other certificate** for specific consignment:
- ❖ **Pork- free diet certificate** for Farmed Fish and Seafoods and its products



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