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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority**  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

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### TRADE NOTICE

Embassy of India, Doha has forwarded a proposed of introduction of new regulation introduced by the Ministry of Municipality of Qatar, which requires prior permission for importing fruits and vegetables starting from December 01, 2021. This regulation is applicable to imports from all over the world.

The fresh fruits and vegetables exporters may submit their comments/ feedback on the proposed new regulation for importing fruits and vegetables into by Qatar .

The feedback should reach at APEDA on 18.11.2021 before 4 P.M. positively. A copy of email of Embassy of India, Doha attached for reference.

With Regards,

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GENERAL MANAGER

**Fwd: New regulation for import of fruits & vegetables into Qatar**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:56 PM**To:** PARUL SINGH [parul.singh01@gov.in]**Cc:** Chairman; Tarun Bajaj; Mr Srikar K Reddy [srikar.reddy@gov.in]; T. Angeline Premalatha [dcm.doha@mea.gov.in]; FT . WANA [moc\_ftwana@nic.in]

Dear Parul

Please refer to trailing mail.

In this regard please take note of information and disseminate it to APEDA and other related EPCs. Please also advise them to get the feedback from exporters. The same needs to be communicated to our embassy in Qatar to enable it to take necessary action in the matter.

Regards

Alok Malviya

**From:** "T. Angeline Premalatha" <dcm.doha@mea.gov.in>**To:** "Mr Srikar K Reddy" <srikar.reddy@gov.in>**Cc:** "Alok Malviya" <alok.malviya@nic.in>, "Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh" <jsed@mea.gov.in>, "Deputy Secretary" <dsgulf@mea.gov.in>, "amb.doha amb.doha" <amb.doha@mea.gov.in>, "Embassy of India Commerce" <com.doha@mea.gov.in>**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:33:05 PM**Subject:** New regulation for import of fruits & vegetables into Qatar**JS (FT-WANA) from Counsellor****Rpt: JS (ED), DS (Gulf), MEA**

Dear Sir,

This is to bring to your attention a new regulation introduced by the Ministry of Municipality of Qatar, which requires prior permission for importing fruits and vegetables starting from December 01, 2021. The announcement was made during a meeting organized by the Ministry for suppliers of fruits and vegetables in Qatar. [This regulation is applicable to imports from all over the world]

2. The Ministry announced that requests for a permit to import fruits and vegetables for a particular month will be received a month prior to it, i.e., to import for December 2021, requests will be received from suppliers during the period from November 1 to 20, 2021 through e-mail [importrequests@mme.gov.qa](mailto:importrequests@mme.gov.qa).

3. This new regulation is to ensure the quality of products, reduce wastage and also

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to ensure the availability of all food commodities to contribute to food security in Qatar.

4. Qatar is a small market relying heavily on imports and hence it maintains strict adherence to the safety and standard of food commodities being imported. In October, the Ministry of Municipality seized 6 tonnes of frozen meat and fish and 105 tonnes of fruits & vegetables from warehouses and restaurants unfit for human consumption during its intensive inspection campaigns on food establishments.

5. This is a part of Qatar's National Food Security Strategy 2018-23, which works to improve local markets and for improving and simplifying the governance of food standards to monitor food safety in the country. The strategy also seeks to reduce food loss and waste in the country, which is estimated at about 14% from the time of arrival in Qatar or during transportation from local farms to consumers.

6. (a) Reducing food losses/waste is one of the 4 pillars of the Food Security Strategy along with (b) Diversified trade routes to limit risk exposure, (c) building adequate reserves as a buffer and (d) adequate cultivation of crops, meat and fish within the available resources. It is pertinent to mention here that the Food Security Strategy of Qatar was devised after the Saudi-led quartet's blockade of Qatar in 2017. Until the blockade, a bulk of Qatar's Imports of fruits, vegetables, dairy and other food commodities was through the Abu Samra land border with Saudi Arabia or from Jebel Ali Port in Dubai.

7. As per the Food Security Strategy, Qatar continues to locally produce crops like tomatoes, cucumbers, chilies etc and has achieved 100% self sufficiency in milk, milk products & poultry since 2017.

8. Against this backdrop, we will closely monitor the impact of the new requirement of taking prior permission for importing fruits and vegetables, on the export of fruits and vegetables from India to Qatar. DoC is requested to kindly bring this to the notice of APEDA and other related EPCs and advise them to get the feedback from exporters as well.

With regards,

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