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**Advisory note on export of Organic products to Italy**

APEDA has received email from Embassy of India to the EU, Belgium and Luxembourg regarding export of Organic products to Italy. It is to inform that Italy has published a Decree that requires that **all organic products** from India will be subject to inspection on MRLs and GMOs. The decree which was published in the Italian official Journal on 19th March 2021 will enter into application after 15 days. As per the decree, the following shall be applied:

**1. All the consignments of organic products that enter the EU through the Italian ports will be sampled and analysed for both GMOs and Pesticides if they fall in any one of the categories such as: Processed fruits (juices and purees), Seeds (sunflower, flaxseed, soybean), Cereals (wheat, quinoa), Coffee etc.**

**2. The country of Origin is India.**

**3. Risk assessment for Importers based on their trade history and profile, if the country of export is different from the Country of Origin**

In view of the above, the Certification Bodies are required to inform their operators on the above new requirement for export of organic products to Italy. Certification Bodies are also required to take adequate preventive measure to ensure compliances to the export made from the country.



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