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**ADVISORY**

The Council has been informed that lately there has been an increase in the cases of Pesticides detection in consignments of Sesame seed exported from India to the United States of America by The United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) at destination ports. Resultantly, USFDA has increased sampling and testing of Indian Sesame seeds at US ports leading to delay in clearance and in some cases rejection of goods.

We also have information that USFDA has started putting the Indian exporters of Sesame seeds on import alert list in case Pesticides are detected in their cargoes. This situation furthers aggravates the matter for the Indian exporters having their name on the import alert list as every consignment of Sesame seeds is then subject to sampling and testing at the US ports until their name is not removed from the import alert list of USFDA.

From the information available with IOPEPC about the pesticides which are being presently detected in Indian Sesame in USA and taking in account the pesticides which are occasionally found in Indian Sesame Seeds as per data available with IOPEPC, it is in interest of Members exporting Sesame seeds to USA to exert all precautionary measures to ensure that the consignments of Sesame Seeds being exported from India are tested for pesticides residue before export to USA.

It is therefore advised that members should at least test the below pesticides in the consignments intended for export to USA and ensure that they are below the MRL set by USDFA:

- 1). Chlorpyrifos
- 2). Tebuconazole
- 3). Thiamethoxam
- 4). Carbendazim and benomyl
- 5). Malathion
- 6). Ethion
- 7). Fenvalerate
- 8). Acephate
- 9). Acetamiprid
- 10). Profenofos
- 11). Cymoxanil
- 12). Fenpropathrin

13). Metalaxyl and metalaxyl-M

14) Carboxin

Please ensure that the above-mentioned pesticides are included in the list of pesticides tested on the cargo of sesame seeds intended for export to USA even though the buyer may not have expressed the need for the same.

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