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Sub: Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) follow up procedure- reg;

Consequent to the border rejection notifications issued by The European Commission (EC), Health & Consumers Directorate-General for Spices/Spice products exported from India, Spices Board has decided to adopt the following procedure for monitoring the border rejection notifications. This procedure will be implemented from 1st August, 2012 onwards.

- 1) In the event of a registered exporter of spices/spice products being notified by The European Commission (EC), Spices Board will issue an advice letter to the exporter. The exporter will be asked to submit an explanatory report mentioning the reasons for the rejection of the consignment and the measures taken to avoid such instances in future.
- 2) If the explanation received is not satisfactory or if it comes to the notice of the Spices Board that another border rejection notification is issued by The European Commission (EC) to the same registered exporter of spices/spice products within three consecutive months from the date of issue of the previous rapid alert, Spices Board will issue a warning letter to the exporter. Also, Spices Board officials will inspect the exporter's unit and facilities for processing and warehousing and will recommend necessary corrections so as to avoid the incidence of being notified again.

- 3) If three or more notifications are issued to a registered exporter of spices/spice products within a period of three consecutive months, in addition to the action mentioned in point no 2, the firm will also be restricted from exporting spices/spice products to the European Union for a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the third notification.

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Secretary

To
All registered exporters of Spices/Spice Products