



## Ministry Of Health

### Internal Memo

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**To:** Officer in charge Import control unit, RCT

**Copy:** DGHS, Director (E&OH), DD(E&OH), CCP (FS). AD(FCAU)

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**Purpose:** Testing of imported chili for Aflatoxin

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This is further to my even numbered communication I sent to you on the above matter on 05.10.2019

Having discussed this matter at the Food advisory committee the following amended instructions are issued for compliance with regards to all chili consignments imported.

1. Take representative samples from each and every consignment (Five samples from each container)
2. Sent samples for testing without delay.
3. Do not release the consignment until the report of Aflatoxin is available (Exception clause 4)
4. However the consignment can be released to the warehouse after taking samples if,
  - a. Past consignments of the consignee has never recorded Aflatoxin level more than 30ug/Kg and
  - b. Visual inspection of goods is satisfactory (No fungal growth, No white spots ) and
  - c. Certificate available from the spices council of India to confirm that the Aflatoxin level of the consignment is less than 30ug/Kg.
5. If the level of total Aflatoxin is less than 30ug/Kg in all samples you may recommend releasing the consignment.
6. If the level of total Aflatoxin in all the samples is more than 30ug/Kg recommend the Customs to re-ship the consignment back to the exporting country.
7. If the level of total Aflatoxin in some samples are above and some below 30ug/Kg please refer such cases to FCAU for further instructions.

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