

Work Plan Agreement (WPA) for Export of Rice from India to USA

This WPA will establish the process for elimination of Khapra Beetle in rice prior to exportation to the USA. This agreement is between Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

1. The National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in India shall register rice milling and/or processing units through a system and provide the list of registered rice milling and/or processing units to APHIS. Detailed specifications for facility certification are described in Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for export of rice from India to USA. Modification if any, to the list during the year shall be intimated to APHIS.
2. The SOP shall include:
 - a) An audit system executing inspections by the NPPO through a team to ensure the effectiveness of the safeguard mechanism of the milling and/or processing units for excluding Khapra beetle. The team shall comprise of representatives from Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS) and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). Monitoring of the registered milling and/or processing units shall be undertaken by NPPO to ensure the elimination of Khapra beetle in rice.
 - b) Preventing Khapra beetle infestation/re-infestation through safeguard mechanism by the registered rice milling or processing units during all stages of the export chain.
 - c) Used burlap bags shall not be utilized by the registered rice milling and/or processing units for packaging or preparation of rice for export to US.
 - d) The containers will be vacuum cleaned by registered rice milling and/or processing units prior to loading of rice.
 - e) The loading of rice into the containers by the registered rice milling and/or processing units shall be done at the processing facility to avoid mixing with other commodities.
 - f) The NPPO will conduct post-milling random sampling of rice consignments prior to shipment to USA.
3. The NPPO will certify that the consignment has been inspected according to the US requirements by issuance of a phytosanitary certificate. The phytosanitary certificate will indicate the registered milling facility, and certificate that the shipment was processed by approved rice milling or processing unit and found free from Khapra Beetle.

Each consignment of rice exported to U.S. shall be accompanied by:

- Phytosanitary Certificate, with an additional declaration that "the consignment was processed by registered rice milling or processing unit and found free from Khapra beetle".
- A Certificate of Origin from an agency authorized by Government of India.

Procedures herein established are subject to revision as situations warrant on mutual consent; however, they will remain in effect until revised.

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