

**EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, GOVT. OF INDIA)
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE NINETY FIRST MEETING OF THE EXPORT INSPECTION
COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH JANUARY, 2002**

DATE : 14th January 2002

TIME : 11.30 Hrs.

VENUE : Committee Room
Export Inspection Council
New Delhi

PRESENT

MEMBERS

1. Shri M.V.P.C. Sastry, Joint Secretary, MOC & I - **Chairman**
2. Ms. Shashi Sareen, Director (I&QC), EIC - **Member Secretary**
3. Shri K. Jose Cyriac, Chairman, MPEDA, Cochin.
4. Shri Anwar Hashim, Managing Partner, Abad Building, Cochin.
5. Dr. R.K.Khandal, Director, Shriram Institute for Fundamental Research, New Delhi.
6. Shri R.S. Seshadri, Director, United Ricelands Ltd., Gurgaon.

INVITEES

7. Shri Harcharan Singh, BIS, New Delhi.
8. Shri P.K. Sarkar, BIS, New Delhi.
9. Dr. G.R. Bhatia, Jt. Agricultural Marketing Adviser, DMI, New Delhi.
10. Shri K.K. Juneja, Shriram Research Institute, Delhi.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

Item 1.1 Welcome by the Chairman.

Director, EIC welcomed Shri M.V.P.C.Sastry, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, who has taken over as Chairman, EIC, with effect from 7th August 2001.

Shri M.V.P.C. Sastry, Chairman of the Council welcomed the members to the meeting.

Item 1.2 Leave of absence

Leave of absence was granted to.

1. Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.
2. The Director General, National Test House, Calcutta.
3. Mr. N.S. Rajkumar Mandradiar, M/s P. Muttulaul Lallah & Sons, Chennai.
4. Shri G.Venkataramani, Director, Fruits and Vegetables and Preservation, Ministry of Food Processing, Khel Gaon, (Panchsheel Bhawan), New Delhi.
5. Shri Vijay Munjal, Managing Director, Hero Exports, Hero Nagar, G.T. Road, Ludhiana.
6. Chairman, APEDA, New Delhi

Item 1.3 Report of activities of EIC by the Director, EIC.

The Director apprised the Council of the activities of EIC since the last meeting with regard to F&FP scheme, laboratory upgradation, business development, certificate of origin including training of certification bodies, HR&QDC activities, computerisation & corporate audit, MOUs etc.

The Council noted the report presented by the Director, EIC.

Item 1.4 90th meeting of the Export Inspection Council.

Item 1.4.1 Confirmation of the Minutes

There being no comments, the Council confirmed the minutes as circulated.

Item 1.4.2**Action Taken Report**

The Council noted the action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the Council with suggestion on the following:

Item No. 2.6.i (ii)

1. Chairman, MPEDA suggested that while making investments gainfully in the banks, it would be better if only Nationalized Banks are considered. New generation banks be avoided so as to minimize/eliminate the risk of investments.
2. While inducting an officer for Finance, clear qualifications namely CA/MBA(Finance) to be laid down.

SECTION 2 - ADMINISTRATION**Item No.2.1****Implementation of IWSU report.**

The Council approved the proposal given at item 2.1 of the agenda. However, Chairman, MPEDA suggested that provision of declaring surplus manpower as super-annuity may be examined under which each post on being vacated by the incumbent on retirement/promotion/resignation etc. would cease to exist.

Item No.2.2**Amendment in Rules for seniority.**

The Council approved the proposal given at item 2.2 of the agenda.

Item No. 2.3**Closure / Continuance of Sub-Office of EIAs*****EIA-Delhi, Sub-Office: Bhadohi***

The proposal for closure of the sub- office was approved.

EIA-Delhi, Sub-Office: Indore

It was decided to continue functioning of sub – office Indore and review the situation after a period of one year.

EIA-Cochin, Sub-Office: Kottarakara

The proposal for closure of the sub- office was approved.

EIA-Cochin, Sub-Office: Kuzhithurai

The proposal for closure of the sub- office was approved.

On a query raised by Chairman, MPEDA, it was clarified that sanctioned strength was only Agency-wise and not Sub-officewise and therefore all employees are considered within the overall sanctioned strength and closure of sub-offices would not make any difference in the overall sanctioned strength.

Item No.2.4**Payment of Commercial Surcharge to Calcutta Municipal Corporation – Calcutta**

The Council ratified the decision. However, it was suggested that at the time of renewal of Lease for Calcutta office, the clause of payment of Commercial Surcharge be examined and accordingly lease agreement signed.

Item No.2.5**Income and Expenditure of Export Inspection Agencies**

While approving the budget income and expenditure of EIAs it was felt that Director, EIC may re-examine some of the figures and the estimates with regard to income to reflect the current picture. It was also decided to examine measures for making each Agency self-supporting.

The Council desired that a detailed financial statement reflecting income, expenditure and reserves may be put up in the next meeting.

tem No. 2.5 (a) Income and Expenditure of Export Inspection Council

The Council noted the information given at item 2.5(a) of the supplementary agenda.

SECTION 3 - TECHNICAL

Item 3.1 Fish & Fishery Product Certification

Item 3.1.1 *Review of F&FP Certification Scheme*

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.1 of the agenda.

Item 3.1.2 Status on Approval of fish and fishery products establishments

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.2 of the agenda.

Item 3.1.3 Notification on Maximum Residue Limits

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.3 of the agenda.

Item 3.1.4 Notification on Live Fish, Molluscs and Crustaceans

The Council ratified the decision presented by item no. 3.1.4.

Item 3.1.5 Reassessment of 104 approved fish and fishery products units

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.5 of the agenda.

Item 3.1.6 Frequency of Monitoring of Fish and Fishery Products Establishments

The Council considered Item 3.1.6 of the Agenda and agreed to link frequency of monitoring with performance of a unit as proposed in the Agenda. It was also agreed to make the above effective from 01st January 2001.

Item 3.1.7 **Scheme for approval of common pre-processing centers and scheme for approval of independent / detached block ice plants supplying ice establishments processing F&FP for export of countries other than EU.**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.7 of the agenda.

Item 3.1.8 **Outstanding monitoring fees for fish and fishery products**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.1.8 of the agenda. Chairman, MPEDA informed that it was not possible for MPEDA to adjust the amount from cess collected earlier as the same was collected by Customs and not by them and they had accordingly communicated the same to Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The Chairman, EIC informed that the matter was under examination in the Ministry.

It was also proposed that the CAP on the monitoring fee to be removed and the same be collected at a uniform rate of 0.2% instead of varying rates depending on the value of exports.

Item 3.2 **Export of Milk Products**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.2 of the agenda.

Item 3.3 **Export of Fresh Poultry Meat & Poultry Meat Products**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.3 of the agenda.

Item 3.4 **Notification on Human Hair**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.4 of the agenda.

Item 3.5 **Notification on Honey**

The Council noted the information given at item 3.5 of the agenda.

Item 8

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Council noted the information given at item 8 of the agenda.

Item 9

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

Shri Anwar Hashim pointed out that in pursuance of the executive instructions issued by EIC, EIA-Cochin is insisting for organoleptic inspection as a result, there is lot of resentment in fish trade in Cochin.

It was clarified by EIC that requirements of organoleptic quality were included in both the EC regulation as well as EIC notification in view of which it was considered necessary to make it a part of the EIA's control procedures.

After a great deal of discussion on the subject, it was decided that organoleptic evaluation would need to form a part of our control measures. However, to make it as objective as possible, specific parameters to be covered under organoleptic evaluation may be elaborated. The trade was requested to assist in development of these parameters.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair as well as for other members for their valuable support to the EIC.

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