

**Records of Discussion on Annual Meeting of Inspection Agencies and Auditors
EIC Inspection Agency Recognition Scheme
23rd August 2013**

After detailed discussion on the scheme implementation with respect to problems faced by Inspection Agencies as well as concerns of the EIC,

The following the key concerns of EIC are summarized below:

- Fee due for payment by Inspection Agency as per scheme may be immediately paid to concerned EIAs.
- To ensure Implementation of ISO 17020: 2012 by September 2013
- To create awareness on implementation EIC Inspection Agency Recognition Scheme to the staff, inspectors and samplers.
- To provide clear information on Port of Operation/ Laboratory in application form.
- Presently, the Inspection Agencies not having pre-shipment inspection work for export will be considered for withdrawal of recognition.
- In view of the request for changes of dates by Inspection Agencies (IAs) of surveillance audits fixed by EIC time & again, EIC proposes to conduct unannounced surveillance.
- Any Changes pertaining to resources & manpower by Inspection Agencies needs to be timely intimated to EIC
- To ensure that QMS documentation is maintained as practiced.
- To ensure appropriate traceability of Inspection Records, seals (Purchase, usage, breakage) records
- EIC has designed a format for submission of quarterly statement by recognized IAs, IAs are requested to provide their comments if any, within 15 days w.e.f 09/09/2013

EIC/ No.	Name of Shipment	Shipper	Cargo	Loading date	quantity	Loading port	Discharge	Certificate Date

Based on the representation made by IAs, the key issues are summarized for consideration of EIC

- To consider modification in the EIC Inspection Agency Recognition Scheme-2012, sub clause 2.2.3 pertaining to maintaining a lab in the same state/ union territory.
- To reconsider Inspection activities at the port located in different state, however, situated in close proximity eg. Goa, Redi port.
- To reconsider the proposal of EIC on unannounced surveillance
- To reconsider postponement of date of implementation of ISO 17020:2012 for further period of 6 months
- To arrange the training program on EIC Inspection Agency Recognition Scheme including the requirements of ISO 17020:2012 for IA at locations closer to their operations.

The following decision has been agreed by Competent Authority

- The extension of date of Implementation of ISO 17020:2012 till March 2014.
- Two training programs on EIC Inspection Agency Recognition Scheme including the requirements of ISO 17020:2012 in eastern and western zone.
- Regarding bullet 1 & 2 above (representation from IAs), the changes will be considered taking into consideration the legal implications, for which more time is required.