

### **European Commission Lifts Ban on Import of Indian Honey**

The European Commission, vide its Implementing Decision number 2011/690/EU of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 has decided to lift the ban on import of honey from India w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011.

The import of honey from India was banned by the European Commission w.e.f. 15.06.2010 due to certain deficiencies observed in the system. Corrective measures were carried out by EIC to address the shortcomings and a revised residue plan submitted to the European Commission in the current year. Thereafter, a FVO team had visited India during 11-20 May 2011 for verification of satisfactory implementation of the revised residue plan.

Based on the corrective measures introduced by EIC and the findings of the follow up FVO Mission, the European Commission has now decided to lift the ban on import of honey from India w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011.