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MARKET ACCESS FOR EXPORT OF DRIED CHILI PEPPERS FROM KENYA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) wishes to inform farmers, exporters, processors, packers, producer organisations and other stakeholders that **Kenya has secured market access for the export of dried chillies to the People's Republic of China.**

This market access presents an opportunity for Kenyan producers and exporters to diversify export markets and increase trade in dried chillies. Exporters intending to access the Chinese market are required to comply with the applicable phytosanitary, food safety, traceability, processing, packaging and quality requirements.

KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT

- 1.** Register export processing and packing facilities with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) through KEPHIS. Facilities will be inspected and approved by KEPHIS prior to registration.
- 2.** Register farms, production sites, drying facilities and packhouses with KEPHIS and comply with the applicable requirements for export certification.
- 3.** Obtain a KEPHIS Phytosanitary Certificate for every consignment exported to China, confirming compliance with the prescribed phytosanitary requirements.
- 4.** Implement appropriate traceability systems, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and maintain pest monitoring records for a minimum of two years.
- 5.** Comply with the applicable food safety requirements, including:
 - Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits;
 - Aflatoxin B1 levels not exceeding;
 - Heavy metal limits;
 - Zero tolerance for Sudan dyes;

• Applicable microbiological requirements, including absence of Salmonella;
and

- Moisture content not exceeding 13%.

6. Meet the prescribed packaging and labelling requirements, including the use of clean and appropriate packaging materials.

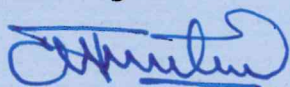
7. Ensure export consignments are free from the quarantine pests of concern specified by the Chinese authorities:

- *Acanthoscelides obtectus* (Common bean bruchid)
- *Callosobruchus maculatus* (Cowpea weevil)
- *Trogoderma granarium* (Khapra beetle)
- *Pospiviroid fusituberis* (PSTVd) (Potato spindle tuber viroid)
- *Tobamovirus fructirugosum* (ToBRFV) (Tomato brown rugose fruit virus)
- *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (Zebra chip bacterium)
- *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *michiganensis* (Bacterial canker of tomato)
- *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *tomato* (Bacterial speck of tomato pathogen)
- *Orobanche* spp. (Broomrapes)

Interested farmers, exporters, processors, aggregators and industry associations are encouraged to get in touch with KEPHIS for further guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For guidance on registration, inspections, certification and export compliance requirements, please contact KEPHIS through **E-mail:** director@kephis.org or any KEPHIS regional office near you.



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