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Report Highlights:

The Government of India Ministry of Commerce Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has issued an addendum to aflatoxin regulations for export of peanuts and peanut products.

General Information:

On January 30, 2013, the Government of India Ministry of Commerce Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) issued an [addendum](http://www.apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/HACCP/amendedregulation2013.pdf) to aflatoxin (<http://www.apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/HACCP/amendedregulation2013.pdf>) of peanuts and peanut products applicable to all countries except Russia and the EU. The addendum proposes the following changes:

- 1) Exporters shall ensure that all peanut and peanut product processing units provided data to the Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) to be posted on Peanut.Net by March 31, 2013.
- 2) Processing units shall obtain HACCP certification no later than July 31, 2013.
- 3) Exporters shall ensure compliance with the aflatoxin level, not more than 7 percent.

Other provisions stated in the regulation remain unchanged. The IOPEPC has been designated to implement new APEDA procedures, and beginning February 10, 2013, will issue electronic export certificates through Peanut.Net.