

Circular

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Dear NOCA Operators,

In response to multiple incidents of chemical residues in high-risk products, along with irregularity notifications and complaints received from the EU Commission, NOCA has decided to strengthen its onsite verification and traceability systems. This measure aims to prevent future complaints regarding exports to all countries, specifically for products under Category A.

As part of this initiative, NOCA will temporarily **stop** the issuance of Batch approval, Domestic TC, PTC, Final TC, and COI for the following high-risk products for the next six months:

1. Amaranth Seeds
2. Flax Seeds
3. Ginger
4. Psyllium and its related products and by-products
5. Quinoa Seeds
6. Sesame Seeds
7. Unprocessed Guar Seeds
8. Unprocessed Tea Leaves

We kindly request that you refrain from applying for Batch approval, Domestic TC, PTC, Final TC, and COI for these products until further notice. NOCA will provide an update once the enhanced verification and traceability system is in place.

We apologize for any inconvenience this temporary measure may cause and greatly appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the quality and safety of our products.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.