



## Consumer Assurance Update

### India Post-harvest labelling requirements

CGA have been engaging with DALRRD regarding the Indian post-harvest labelling requirements for this market. Looking at the latest Indian Packing and Labelling Regulations (available from CGA and to be published on the DALRRD website, it is clear that there are no specific post-harvest declarations required for this market, other than for waxes specifically. The shared integration then between DALRRD, PPECB and CGA is that post-harvest declarations for fungicides do not necessarily need to be listed on the carton for the Indian market.

There are some general precautionary remarks however that need to be made for exporters trading in this market. It is key exporters maintain regular contact with your importer as requirements in India can change quickly, and over time it has been observed that requirements between ports of entry also vary. The market remains sensitive to treatments and declarations such as Thiabendazole and there is therefore some risk associated with supplying this market.

### Saudi Arabia Conditions of Clearance

Since distributing the revised Conditions of Clearance for Saudi Arabia (sent Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020) additional operational matters have been raised by PPECB and other stakeholders. In this regard, PPECB will be drawing heavy metal and microbiological samples from packhouses every 12 weeks. Since the Saudi Arabia residue testing should include dithiocarbamates, PPECB will also require packhouses to undertake the residue analysis for dithiocarbamates (samples to be drawn at the packhouse level). This is necessary so that a data set of all relevant active substances is maintained should the Saudi Arabia authorities call for evidence of compliance with their residue tolerances. To assist PPECB, packhouses should inform them of the need for these samples to be drawn in good time (ideally 10 days before the sample is to be drawn).

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