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To: All Stakeholders in Capsicum and Sesame Value Chains

**NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED CONTROL MEASURES FOR EXPORTS
OF CAPSICUMS AND SESAME TO THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER
APPLICABLE REGULATION (EU) 2019/1793.**

Reference is made to the UK Notification on Amendments to Retained Regulation 2019/1793, which was published on December 4, 2025, and in which the UK will implement the Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (England) Regulations 2025. The regulations are set to take effect on January 1, 2026. The amendment regulation can be accessed on this website: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2025/1162/contents/made>

According to the Amendments, the **Peppers of the genus Capsicums (Hot Pepper and Chilli) (other than sweet) and Sesame from Uganda** have been transferred from **Annex 1 to Annex 2**; and as of **1st January, 2026**; both products **will require the official certificate and analytical report, as well as each consignment labelled with an identification code prior to export.**

Capsicums will require a pesticide analytical report; whereas Sesame will require a salmonella analytical report. These reports must confirm that the tested substances are within acceptable limits for entry into the intended market and comply with the regulations stipulated in Regulation (EU) 2019/1793.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries, through the Department of Crop Inspection and Certification (DCIC) here in the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO), hereby informs you that it will be implementing the aforementioned regulation for compliance.

Given that the consignments destined for the UK market move through various trade routes, particularly the EU, companies and stakeholders are advised that the NPPO will implement controls across the board, i.e. Capsicums and Sesame intending to be exported to EU and UK must comply with the aforementioned regulation.

The NPPO therefore, advises all stakeholders and value chain actors to continue improving Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), implement HACCP in order to comply with regulation as well as the Plant Protection and Health Act, 2016 and Agrochemicals Control Act, 2006; and their attendant regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact the DCIC-NPPO for any inquiries.



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