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- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established by GOI by an Act passed in the parliament in the year 1985
- Functions of APEDA
  - Development of industries relating to the scheduled products for export by way of providing financial assistance or otherwise for undertaking surveys and feasibility studies
  - Registration of persons as exporters of the scheduled products
  - Fixing of standards and specifications for the scheduled products for the purpose of exports

# Functions of APEDA

- Carrying out inspection of meat and meat products in slaughter houses, processing plants, storage premises and other places where such products are kept or handled
- Improving of packaging of the Scheduled products
- Improving of marketing of the Scheduled products outside India
- Promotion of export oriented production and development of Scheduled products

# Functions of APEDA

- Collection of statistics from the establishments engaged in the production , processing, packaging, marketing or export of the Scheduled products
- Training in various aspects of the industries connected with the Scheduled products

# Products Monitored

- APEDA is mandated with the responsibility of export promotion and the development of the following scheduled products:
  - Fruits and vegetables
  - Meat and meat products
  - Poultry and poultry products
  - Dairy products
  - Confectionary, biscuits, and bakery products
  - Honey, jiggery, and sugar products
  - Cocoa and its products, chocolates of all kinds

# Scheduled Products

- Cereal and cereal products
- Groundnuts, walnuts
- Pickles, papads, and chutneys
- Floriculture and floriculture products
- Herbal and medicinal plants
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic products
- Monitor import of sugar

# Procedure for Export of Rice to USA

- The agreement is between Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of US and the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), GOI
- SOP provides guidance and prescribes the standard operating procedures for a national system for export of rice from India to USA
- Issue of rice consignments found infested with Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*)

# Procedure for Export of Rice to USA

- The Khapra beetle is a pest of concern for US whose detection of even dead beetle/cast skin leads to interception of consignments
- The National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in India shall register rice milling and/or processing units through a system and provides the list to APHIS
- An audit system executing inspections by the NPPO ensures the effectiveness of the safeguard mechanism of the processing units



# Procedure for Export of Rice to USA

- Preventing Khapra beetle infestation through safeguard mechanisms by the registered rice milling units during all stages of the export chain
- Used burlap bags shall not be utilized by the registered rice milling/processing units for packaging or preparation of rice for export to US
- The containers will be vacuum cleaned prior to loading

# Procedure for Export of Rice to USA

- The NPPO will conduct post-milling random sampling of rice consignments prior to shipment to USA
- The NPPO will certify that the consignment has been inspected according to the US requirements by issuance of a phytosanitary certificate
- Phytosanitary certificate is accompanied with an additional declaration that the "consignment was processed by registered rice milling/processing unit found free from Khapra beetle"
- A Certificate of Origin from an agency authorized by GOI



