

All exporters are informed that the Mexican Government has introduced new regulations vide "NOM-044-FITO-1995" on the import of red dry chillies to Mexico from abroad, including Pakistan. The salient points of the new regulations are summarized below:-

- a) Red dry chillie consignments should be accompanied by an "International Sanitation Certificate", clearly stating the origin of the product and certifying that it is free from "Trogoderma granarium"
- b) The exporter must be registered with the phytosanitary authorities of Pakistan, and the registration number of the company should be mentioned in the "International Phytosanitary Certificate".
- c) Consignments should be free of soil, dirt and unwanted particles and should be packed in new containers or packages. The labels on packages should indicate the name and description of the product, the name of the company and the country of origin.
- d) At the point of entry, the following measures will be taken by Mexican authorities:-
 - i) Fumigation of the consignment with "bromuro de metilo", and
 - ii) Phytosanitary inspection. In case a live plague is found, the product will be sent to a laboratory, approved by the Mexican Ministry of Agriculture, for diagnosis. Shipment will remain at the port of entry until the laboratory results show that the consignment is free from diseases / bugs.

All exporters of red dry chillies are advised to fully comply with the new regulations. Any violation is likely to result in the delay of the release of consignment(s) or even a ban on the import of red chillies from Pakistan.