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Advisory

Indian shrimp consignments exported to the US and EU are being rejected for the presence of antibiotic residues, which has been a major cause of concern of coastal aquaculture industry in the country. The exporters are facing the wrath of rejection in the International market due to the presence of antibiotics in the processed seafood products exported from India.

CAA has been receiving NRCP alerts from MPEDA for the presence of residues of banned antibiotics in shrimp seed samples collected from various hatcheries across India. Show cause notices have been issued to those hatcheries detected with antibiotic residues. As per Rule 5 (v) of CAA Rules, 2005 and Terms and Conditions for Registration of Coastal Aqua Hatcheries issued by CAA, use of antibiotics in shrimp culture is strictly prohibited. Any violation of Terms and Conditions would render cancellation of the registration of the hatchery, invoking of Bank Guarantee and further liable action under the CAA Act and Rules 2005 and Guidelines issued in this regard from time to time.

It was resolved by the authority during the 63rd meeting that the hatcheries should discard the seeds identified with banned antibiotics and to suspend the allotment of cubicles for the hatcheries detected with banned antibiotics till such time the hatchery facilities are inspected and confirmed for compliance.

In this regard, an Advisory was issued by CAA to all aquaculture input manufacturers and the distributors or retailers for submission of additional documents /information for the issuance of certificate of Standards for antibiotic free aquaculture inputs to ensure antibiotic free status of all aquaculture inputs. Use of Aquaculture inputs that are not certified by CAA to be free from antibiotic shall be avoided.

The hatchery operators may please take notice that the hatcheries which are detected with the residues of banned antibiotics will be suspended from cubicle allotment in the Aquatic quarantine facility at Chennai. Hence, all the hatchery operators are advised to use only the antibiotic-free aquaculture inputs certified by CAA for their shrimp seed production and all other aquaculture activities, to ensure antibiotic-free aquaculture harvest.



Member Secretary