



Official Control System in India for Export of Fish & Fishery Products

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Indian Fisheries sector

- **Vast fishery resources - Coast line: 8129 km**
- **Second largest fish producer in the world**
- **Rank 2nd position in aquaculture production.**
- **Export contributes - 30% of the fish production**
- **Marine products exports 2014-15- \$ 5,511,12 million(increase of 6.68% in Qntity & 10.05% in value)**

FOOD CONTROL SYSTEM IN INDIA

EXPORTS

- EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL OF INDIA
- MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

IMPORTS & DOMESTICS

- FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
- MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

Export Inspection Council of India

- ▶ **Established by the Act of Parliament**
The Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act, 1963
- ▶ **Main Objective - Sound development of export trade through quality control & inspection**
- ▶ **Strength : The only Official Certification body having no conflict of interest**

Powers under the Act



- To notify the commodities
- To specify the type of quality control
- To establish / adopt or recognize one or more standards.
- To prohibit the export (if not meeting the importing country's requirements)
- Powers to create infrastructure for Q.C & Insp.
- Powers to obtain information from exporter
- Powers to enter and inspect food business facilities
- Powers to search
- Powers to seize commodities / conveyances
- Powers to make Rules & delegation of powers

Commodities Under EIC Certification

Commodities notified under Export (Q/C & I) Act

- Fish & fishery products
- Egg products
- Milk products
- Honey
- Fresh poultry meat & poultry meat products
- Meat (fresh / chilled)
- Processed meat products
- Animal casings
- Crushed bones ossein & gelatin
- Feed additives & pre mixtures
- Peanuts & peanuts products

International recognition for FISHERY PRODUCTS



- **EUROPEAN UNION - Food & Veterinary Office (FVO)**
- **China –Certification and Accreditation Administration of People's Republic of China (CNCA)**
- **Eurasian Custom Union – Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (FSVPS)**
- **Vietnam- The National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (NAFIQAD)**
- **Japan – Welcome to Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)**
- **Australia – Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)**
- **South Africa – National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) - in progress**
- **Canada – Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in progress**

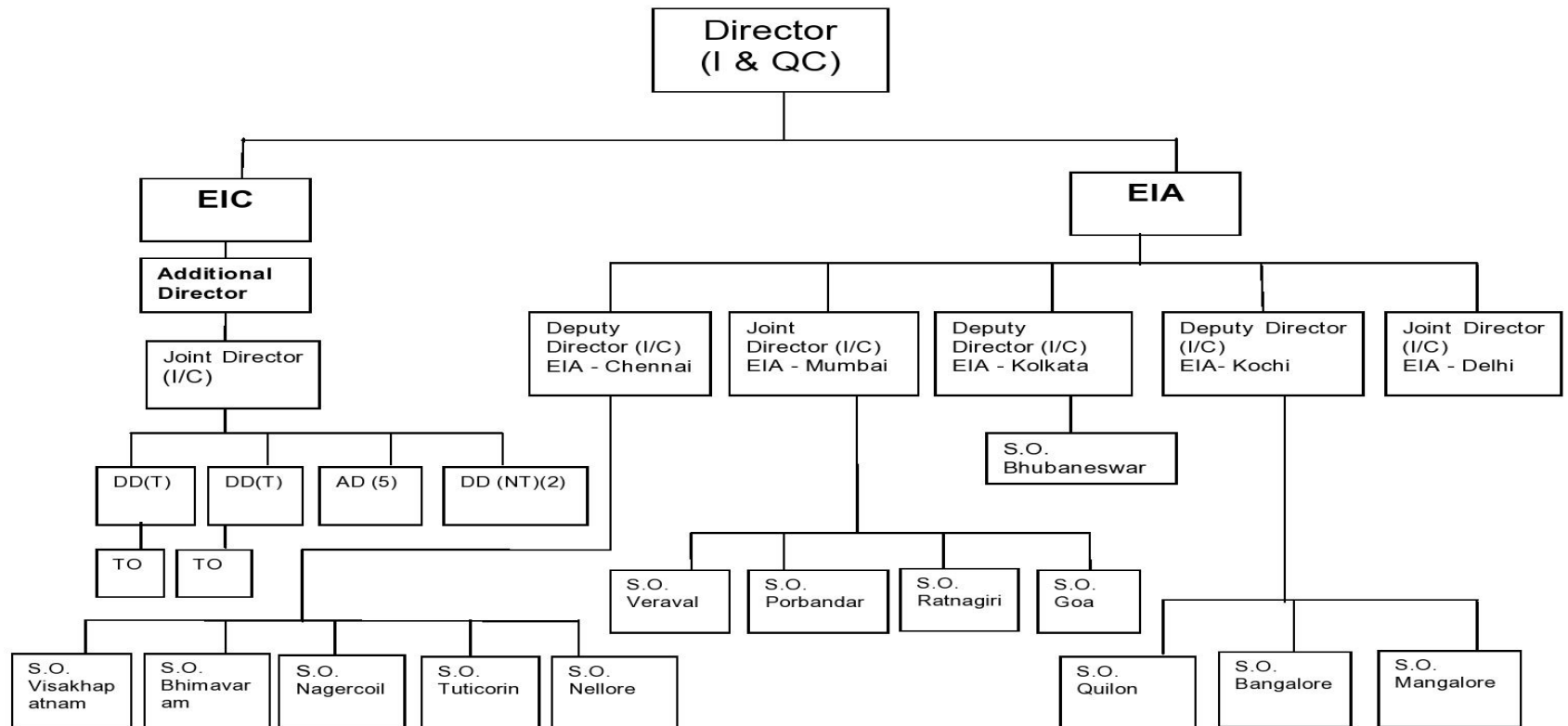
Infrastructure for implementation

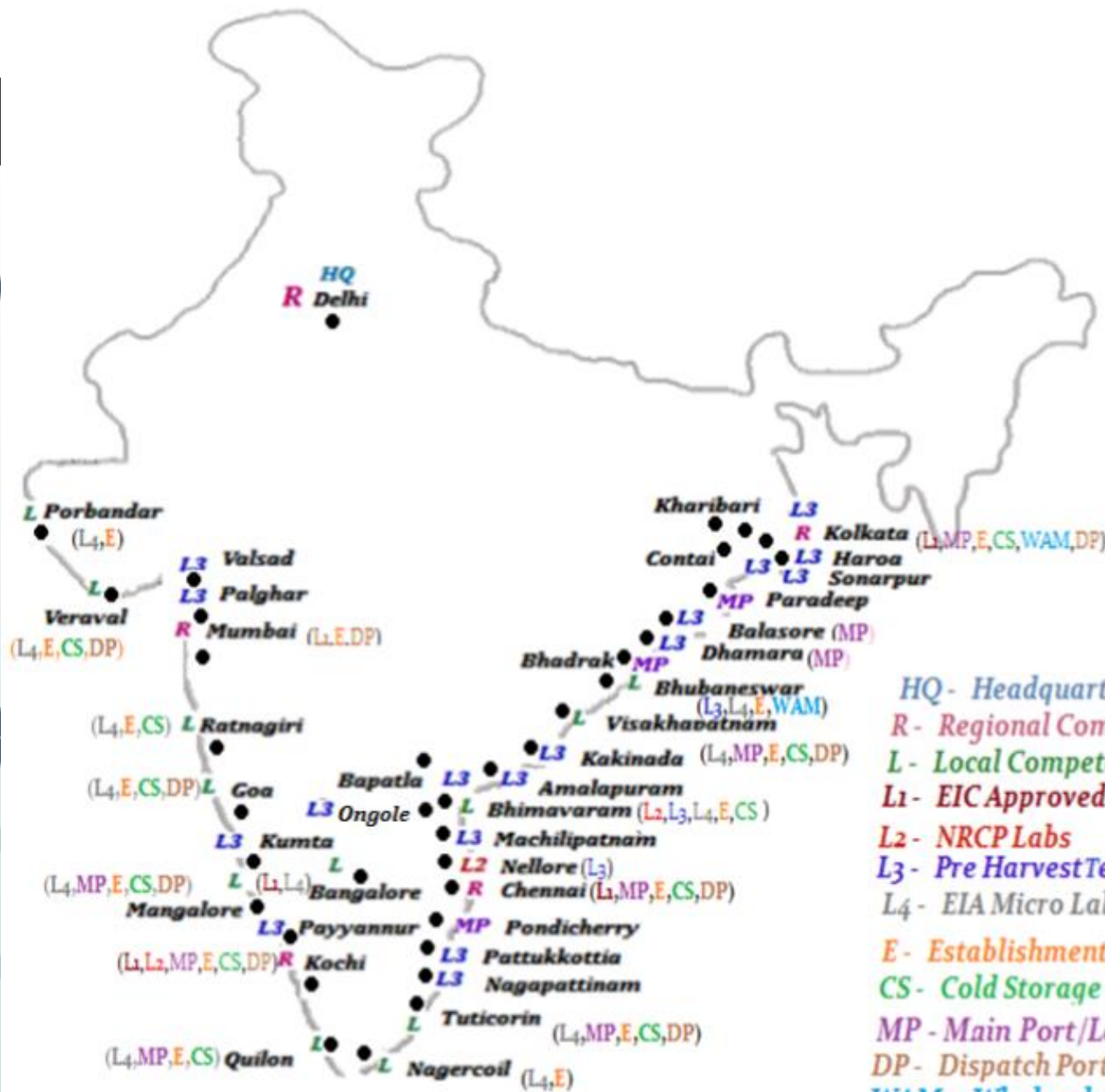
- 5 in numbers, established under the Act, with HQs at Chennai, Delhi, Kochi, Kolkata & Mumbai, along with 30 sub offices backed by state of art laboratories accredited against ISO 17025
- Operate under the technical & administrative control of EIC

Laboratory Infrastructure



Organogram of EIC





- HQ - Headquarter
- R - Regional Competent Authority
- L - Local Competent Authority
- L1 - EIC Approved labs/EIA Labs (For F&FP)
- L2 - NRCPLabs
- L3 - Pre Harvest Testing Labs
- L4 - EIA Micro Lab
- E - Establishments
- CS - Cold Storage
- MP - Main Port/Landing Sites
- DP - Dispatch Port
- WAM - Wholesale/Auction Market

LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO F & FP

**Order No S.O.729 (E)
dated 21st Aug 1995**

covers all sea waters and fresh water animals or part thereof including their roes, in fresh and chilled, frozen or processed form but excluding frogs

- * **Notification No S. O. 730 (E) dated 21st Aug 1995 lays down systems of certification.**
- * **Rules laid down for implementation of the Order**
- * **Prescribed essential facility requirements & hygienic requirements of Fresh, Frozen and Processed Fish and Fishery Products at all stages of production, storage and transport**

LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO F & FP (cont.)

Orders	Notification
S.O. 729 (E) dated 21st August 1995	S.O. 730 (E) dated 21st August 1995
S.O. 792 (E) dated 17th August 2011	S.O. 415(E) dated 11th April 2002
S.O. 722 (E) dated 10th July 2002	S.O. 1029 (E) dated 24th Sept. 2002
S.O. 464 (E) dated 24th April 2003	S.O. 1034 (E) dated 9th Sept. 2002
S.O. 1227 (E) dated 23rd Oct 2003 &	S.O. 717 dated 25th Feb. 2005
S.O. 1227 (E) dated 31st July 2006	S.O. 612 dated 15th Feb. 2007
	S.O. 1519 (E) dated 16th June 2008
	S.O.2714 (E) dated 28th Oct 2009 &
	S.O. 497(E) dated 10th March 2011

Official Control Programme and Operations by CA

- **Basis of compliance**
 - Primary responsibility on FBO – plan & implement in-process controls, develop own-check systems (HACCP), maintain records
 - EIC to approve & ensure compliance
- **Approval/Renewal of facilities based on Food Safety Management System**
- **Compliance ensured through strict surveillance system**
- **Residue Monitoring and Control**
- **Written procedure to deal with RASFF**
- **EIC lab. approval scheme**

PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF FACILITY

- ❖ Facility submits application after meeting the requirements of the GOI Notifications and importing country requirements
- ❖ Scrutiny of documents by EIAs including adequacy audit
- ❖ Discrepancies/shortcomings communicated for rectification
- ❖ Evaluation of HACCP manual

After satisfactory scrutiny,

- ❖ Assessment Panel of Experts (APE) visits in two stages:- (i) to assess infrastructure facilities & other requirements (ii) HACCP Audit
- ❖ if 1st audit satisfactory, APE recommends for conditional approval
- ❖ If 2nd audit satisfactory, APE recommends for full approval.
- ❖ Approval by CA (validity 2 years), approval number given, Certificate of Approval issued
- ❖ EC listing

SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

MONITORING by EIA Officials to verify (Official Control)

- ➔ Sanitation & Hygiene
- ➔ Process controls, organoleptic inspection
- ➔ Implementation of HACCP plan
- ➔ Records
- ➔ Observe testing by laboratories & draw samples for proficiency testing
- ➔ Draw samples of raw materials, water, ice, finished products, swabs of workers hands and food contact surfaces.
- ➔ Draw samples for testing antibiotics, heavy metals, and pesticides etc.



SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (Cont.)

SUPERVISORY VISITS TO CHECK

- **By senior officer**
- **Compliance to norms by processors**
- **Quality and correctness of monitoring by EIA officer**

CORPORATE AUDITS

- **Independent audit by EIC to verify operation of scheme by EIAs on yearly basis**

CERTIFICATION OF FISHERY PRODUCTS

- ❖ **National Residue control programme (NRCP)**
- ❖ **Pre export sampling & testing**
- ❖ **CFE for each consignment for Indian custom purpose
(applicable for notified commodities)**
- ❖ **Bilingual e health certification for fish & fishery products for EU to be issued by EIAs based on test report for antibiotics residues by EIA Lab or EIC approved Lab**

E certification

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At present this facility is available only for the

1. EU approved sea food processing establishments, for the consignments of Marine Products (fish & collagen) meant for export to European Union only.
2. EU & Non-EU approved sea food processing establishments, for the consignments of Marine Products meant for export to P.R. China, Russian Federation, Iran & other non EU countries.
3. EU approved processing establishments, for the consignments of Animal Casings meant for export to European Union only.
4. Exporters of peanut products to EU & Malaysia.
5. Exporters for Non GMO certification.
6. Approved processors & exporters under voluntary food certification scheme.

To avail the said e-certification facility the,

- a. approved establishment (if desires to have the health certificate) has to obtain one time Username and Password from their concerned EIA office.
- b. merchant exporter has to do the one time registration at the following link <http://www.eiconline.in/EIC/UserLogin/MERegistration.aspx>

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RASFF

- # **RASFF examined at EIC level / clarification from EC**
- # **Facility placed "On Alert" (inc. monitoring; 5 consignments or 3-day codes)**
- # **Root cause analysis – information from processor / visit to the facility by APE**
- # **Lab. involved in pre export is assessed**
- # **Satisfactory – 'on alert' continues till the all the actions completed**
- # **Unsatisfactory – consignments contaminated/ unsatisfactory hygienic conditions/ samples fail**
 - **Show cause notice**
 - **Production & export suspended till corrective actions taken**

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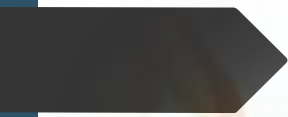
- **Corrective actions taken and verified**
 - **Satisfactory:**
 - **resume production and exports**
 - **Unsatisfactory:**
 - **approval withdrawn; delisting from EC website**

RASFF- Return of consignment

- returned consignment is inspected
- Samples drawn (code-wise) & tested in two different EIC approved laboratories
- sample is also drawn from the same master carton from where the EU health authorities are drawn the sample (if the master carton is identified by the health authorities)
- satisfactory codes are allowed for Non EU exports
- Unsatisfactory codes are destroyed as per the procedure.
- In case of micro biological contamination- re processing under CA supervision

Repeated RASFF in the same calendar year for the same facility

1. First rejection – as per the clause 16 of EI
2. Second rejection – In addition to above, 5 more consignments for the same contaminant.
1. Third or subsequent rejection – In addition to above, - suspension of production & exports / withdrawal of approval if reply is unsatisfactory



Thank you