

NCDEX quality audit finds moderate presence of damaged, discoloured seeds in Coriander deposits in Ramganj Mandi and Kota warehouses

Mumbai, September 20, 2016: The independent audit commissioned by NCDEX to verify the quality of Coriander stocks deposited in the approved warehouses in Kota and Ramganj Mandi reveals that 12% of the stocks in the Ramganj Mandi and Kota warehouse were damaged and discoloured. Both these warehouses belong to National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC). The Exchange has taken cognizance of the findings and has instructed NBHC to immediately remove the defective stocks from the approved warehouses.

Responding to the concerns around quality of the Coriander stocks deposited in the approved warehouses, NCDEX conducted a 100 % sampling and audit of the stocks deposited at the NBHC warehouses at Kota and Ramganj Mandi. Testing of all the 2240 MT has shown that 1410 MT conforms to the Exchange specifications on all parameters. Out of the remaining 830 MT, 270 MT failed on the parameter of damaged / discolored seeds and 10 MT had splits above the acceptable level, while 10 MT had weevilled seeds marginally above 0.5%. The balance stocks of 540 MT showed moisture slightly exceeding permissible level of 9%. Higher moisture in these stocks deposited during the period June to August 2016, can be attributed to the ambient moisture in the atmosphere during the monsoon season. Kota district has received 900 mm rainfall this season, 17% higher than last year. Traditionally, the moisture level in the coriander stocks drops after monsoon recedes.

Participants taking delivery of Coriander on the exchange platform can utilize the remat assaying facility being offered by the Exchange to verify the quality goods received in delivery on the Exchange platform. Any variance of quality from that specified by the Exchange is fully compensated.

“NCDEX is fully committed to ensuring good delivery of commodities. We remain vigilant about the stocks deposited in our warehouses and have suitable checks and controls in place to ensure adherence to our norms. The trust of our participants and the safety and quality of our deliveries is our foremost priority. There is absolutely nothing to worry for the buyer on the quality front. Having completed the independent audit, we find that there isn't a quality issue at the level as it was made out to be. We have found some issues which we will ensure will get addressed through the remat testing process of the buyers. ” said **Mr Samir Shah, MD & CEO.**

Sampling was done by the Independent assayers from all the stocks accepted by the WSP. NCDEX applies the same quality standards and the same safety and quality assurance systems in all its warehouses across the country.

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