

## **PROCEDURE - KING COCONUT EXPORTS W.E.F 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023**

### **(A) STORE REQUIREMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED BY EXPORTERS OF KING COCONUT**

1. The place where king coconuts are kept for exportation must be a concrete, cement or suitable laid with a smooth surface, covered, having a minimum space of 1,500 sq.ft
2. The side walls of the store should at least 4-6 feet's high.
3. The walls must be plastered with suitable non-hazardous water proof material and white-washed.
4. The store should be structurally sound, well ventilated, and well lit.
5. The store should be located in clean and healthy surroundings and easily accessible to heavy motor vehicles.
6. All ventilation gaps should be covered with vermin proof wire-mesh.
7. Exporters should maintain an office with a computer having internet connectivity and seating arrangements in the area where king coconuts are kept for exports.
8. Rat baits, glue boards, insect killers and other necessary pest control precautions should be in place as appropriate.
9. Stacking should always be on wooden platforms (not on bare floor).
10. Packed king coconuts should be stacked at least one (01) meter away from the wall.
11. Exporters should not store any merchandise other than packed kind coconuts in the store. Proper segregation of finished product in the shipping store is mandatory.
12. A proper calibrated weighing equipment & minimum 15 ½ inches circumference measuring rings must available for measuring & weighing purposes of king coconuts.
13. Sanitary facilities for employees must be properly maintained.
14. If possible, place CCTV cameras in shipper stores for the security purposes.

Also, please note that with effect from 01/01/2023, king coconut exports/shipments should be kept ready according to the following guidelines for inspection by the inspectors of the Coconut Development Authority for approval for shipments;

### **(B) INSPECTION OF PACKED KING COCONUTS FOR EXPORT**

1. King coconuts for export must be free from insects and less than 30% mite attacks.
2. Should be free from physical, microbial contaminations & extraneous matter.
3. Damaged nuts while handling should not be allowed for export.

4. The shape of the nut should also be considered and de-formed ones are rejected.
5. Split, cracked king coconuts should not be allowed to export.
6. Color of the King coconuts should be yellow -orange and any discolored or colour variant ones are not allowed to export.
7. Appropriate food graded packing (Cling Film) with each king coconut covered with a net wrap should be arranged. (Net wrap is not mandatory)
8. Each carton of king coconut should have an identification number issued by CDA.
9. In case of using chemicals, it should be food graded, and CDA must be informed the same with the food grade certification prior to the process.
10. All nuts should be packed in corrugated boxes with 6 nuts in a box.
11. Each exporter to highlight his / her own brand clearly visible in the packages (Name, Address, E-mail ID , Nutrition Table of the exporter must be clearly stated on the packages)
12. The reefer container must be available during the inspection by the CDA Officer. (It is mandatory).

**(C) PROCEDURE - KING COCONUT EXPORTS FROM SRI LANKA TO U.A.E.**  
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1. Store requirements to be maintained by exporters of king coconut
2. Maintenance of a minimum price for a commercial invoice. Current proposed price being US\$ 0.80 per nut C& F (minimum price per nut would be reviewed every three (03) months and would be amended (if necessary), Association of Exporters of King Coconut will inform the CDA from time to time about the required price changes in UAE Market.
3. Each exporter to highlight his / her own brand clearly visible in the packages (Name, Address, E-mail ID , Nutrition Table of the exporter must be clearly stated on the packages)
4. CDA sticker must be on each box. It is compulsory
5. Mixed containers be not allowed. (Exporting other commodities along with King Coconut shipments. Eg. Red Papaya, Tapioca, Green Papaya, Green Mango etc.,)
6. King coconut exports / shipments should be kept ready according to the guidelines for inspection by the Inspectors of the CDA.
7. CDA will have direct involvement in monitoring all shipments of king coconut and packaging of the product for prior to export.
8. Payment method for king coconut exports has to be DP terms. It is mandatory.
9. 100% payment prior to clearing the shipment at the destination.
10. Consignee and notified party should be the same in each shipment.

11. The minimum circumference of a king coconut for export must be minimum 15.5 inches. It is mandatory.
12. Exportation using Leno bags or as bunches will not be allowed. This is to be informed to Sri Lanka Customs. Any violation will result an export ban on the relevant exporter.
13. Exporter must submit the remittance confirmation sent by the importer to the CDA within 30 days of shipping the cargo.
14. If the foreign currency is not received regarding the shipments within the stipulated time frame, the Department of Export & Import Control and Department of Inland Revenue is to be informed by the CDA. Any violation will result an export ban on the relevant exporter.
15. Registration of importers in Dubai is to be carried out by the Consul General Office in Dubai & Northern Emirates. Exporters in Sri Lanka should inform the Consul General Office in Dubai & Northern Emirates about the details of their respective importers for such registrations.