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Spices, Dry Fruits & Dehydrated Foods

Turmeric, whole and ground spices, makhana, dry fruits and dehydrated onion, garlic and tomato. Grades, testing, packaging and per-market import requirements.

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India's edge in spices

India is the world's largest producer, consumer and exporter of spices. Many of the varieties buyers ask for by name, such as Lakadong turmeric, Guntur chilli, Malabar pepper and Mithila makhana, come only from specific Indian growing regions.

~75%

India's share of world
turmeric production

66%

India's share of world
turmeric trade

~90%

Share of world
makhana grown in
Bihar

7%+

Curcumin in GI-tagged
Lakadong turmeric

Why buyers source spices from India

ORIGIN YOU CANNOT GET ELSEWHERE

GI-tagged varieties are tied to their regions by law: Lakadong turmeric (Meghalaya, GI 2024), Guntur chilli, Malabar pepper, Kerala cardamom, and Mithila makhana (Bihar). Buyers who need the named variety have one origin.

A REGULATED EXPORT SYSTEM

Spice exporters register with the Spices Board of India (RCMC). Consignments to the EU, UK, Singapore and Hong Kong carry mandatory pre-shipment testing for ethylene oxide, alongside the aflatoxin and Sudan-dye checks importers expect.

SCALE ACROSS SEASONS

Different spices come from different agro-climatic belts: chilli from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, cumin and fenugreek from Gujarat and Rajasthan, pepper and cardamom from Kerala and Karnataka. That spreads the harvest calendar and keeps supply steady.

PROCESSING ON THE DOORSTEP

Cleaning, sortex grading, grinding, steam sterilisation and dehydration all happen close to the farms, from the spice belts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu to the dehydration processors of Gujarat.

Sources: Spices Board of India; National Turmeric Board notification (PIB, 2023); Meghalaya Government press release on the Lakadong GI (March 2024); darsavioexim.com product pages.

Product range at a glance

HS codes per India's Customs Tariff and ITC-HS (8-digit where the product maps to a single line; heading level where a group spans several).

Product	HS code	Forms & grades	Main sourcing regions
Turmeric, whole	0910 30 20	Finger, bulb; polished / unpolished	Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Maharashtra, Meghalaya
Turmeric, ground	0910 30 30	Powder, 200 mesh; steam-sterilised option	As above
Chilli, dried	0904 21 / 0904 22	Whole (Teja, 334, Byadgi), crushed, powder	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka
Black pepper	0904 11 / 0904 12	Whole (Malabar, Tellicherry garbled), ground	Kerala, Karnataka
Cardamom, small green	0908 31	Bold and extra-bold sizes	Kerala
Cumin	0909 31 / 0909 32	Europe and Singapore grades; powder	Gujarat, Rajasthan
Coriander	0909 21 / 0909 22	Eagle, scooter, split; powder	Rajasthan, Gujarat, MP
Fenugreek	0910 99 12	Whole seed, sortex-cleaned	Rajasthan, Gujarat
Makhana (fox nut)	2008 19 21	Popped: Suta 1, 2, 3; roasted and flavoured	Mithila region, Bihar
Makhana flour / powder	2008 19 22	Food-ingredient grade	Bihar
Cashew kernels	0801 32	W180, W240, W320, splits, LWP	Kerala, Goa, Karnataka processors
Almonds	0802 12	Mamra, other kernels	Jammu & Kashmir; imported kernels processed in India
Walnuts	0802 32	Light and dark halves	Jammu & Kashmir
Raisins	0806 20	Green, black, golden	Maharashtra
Dried figs, apricots	0804 20 / 0813 10	Whole, sorted	Processed and repacked in India
Dehydrated onion	0712 20 00	Powder, granules, flakes, minced; white and red	Gujarat
Dehydrated garlic	0712 90 20	Powder, granules, flakes	Gujarat, MP
Tomato powder	0712 90 90	Spray-dried, drum-dried; flakes	Maharashtra, Karnataka

Makhana moved to its own tariff lines (2008 19 21 / 22 / 29) with the Finance Act 2025, effective 2025; older paperwork may still show 0813 or 1904 codes. Confirm the current line with your broker before filing.

Turmeric



Whole turmeric fingers and bulbs, polished or unpolished, and ground turmeric at 200 mesh. The three commercial origins differ mainly in curcumin, which sets colour strength and price.

ORIGINS & CURCUMIN

Lakadong (Meghalaya, GI)	7%+ curcumin; premium, small volumes
Tamil Nadu	2.5–5% curcumin; bright colour
Telangana / Maharashtra	2–4% curcumin; high- volume commercial

QUALITY CONTROLS

Curcumin	By HPLC, stated on the CoA
Moisture	8–10%
Aflatoxin	Below the destination limit (e.g. EU)
Lead & heavy metals	Tested per batch
Colour	ASTA colour value
Microbiology	Steam-sterilised option for EU and UK buyers

PACKING & TERMS

Pack: 25 kg multi-wall paper, 50 kg jute or PP; retail 100 g / 250 g / 500 g pouches; private label.

MOQ: 5 MT per variety; mixed 20 ft container from 12 MT.

Lead time: 18–25 days from PO. **Ports:** Kochi, Nhava Sheva, Chennai.

CERTIFIED ORGANIC

Organic turmeric is available with NPOP (India Organic) certification, and with USDA NOP or EU Organic through certified partner farms.

Whole & ground spices



Single spices and blends, supplied whole, cracked or ground (200–400 mesh). Each lot is machine-cleaned and sortex-sorted before packing. For buyers with their own blending lines, we supply bulk whole spice; for retail brands, ground and packed under private label.

Every export consignment is tested against the destination's residue and contaminant limits, including the ethylene oxide testing now mandatory for the EU, UK, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Spice	Grades buyers specify	Key checks
Dried chilli	Teja (high heat), 334/S4 (all-rounder), Byadgi (colour); with or without stem	Pungency (SHU), ASTA colour, aflatoxin, Sudan dyes
Black pepper	Malabar garbled, Tellicherry garbled extra bold (TGEB), 500–550 g/l bulk density	Bulk density, light berries, moisture, mould
Cardamom	6–7 mm, 7–8 mm, 8 mm+ bold green	Size, colour, seed content, pesticide residue
Cumin	Europe grade (99% purity), Singapore grade (98%)	Purity, admixture, volatile oil
Coriander	Eagle, scooter, split (dal)	Colour, splits, moisture
Fenugreek	Sortex-cleaned whole seed	Purity, moisture
Blends	Garam masala, curry powders, private recipes	Recipe consistency, micro, ETO-free declaration

MOQ & LEAD TIME

5 MT per SKU; mixed-SKU 20 ft container about 12 MT. 21–28 days from PO.

SAMPLING

200 g per SKU free, with a CoA; the buyer pays the courier.

Makhana (fox nut) & dry fruits



Makhana, popped HS 2008 19 21

Popped seeds of *Euryale ferox*, the GI-tagged Mithila Makhana of Bihar, which grows about 90% of the world's supply. Graded by size: **Suta 1** (largest, premium), **Suta 2**, **Suta 3**, and broken for food processors. Also roasted and flavoured for retail. **Checks:** moisture below 7%, popping ratio, colour, foreign matter below 0.05%, micro. **Pack:** 5 / 10 kg vacuum-sealed cartons; retail 100–500 g. **MOQ** 500 kg retail packs, 3 MT bulk; 12–20 days from PO.



Dry fruits & nuts HS 0801 · 0802 · 0806 · 0813

Cashew kernels W180 to W320 and splits, processed in India's Kerala and Goa cashew belts (India imports raw nuts from Africa and processes them); Mamra almonds and walnuts from Jammu & Kashmir; raisins from Maharashtra; dried figs and apricots. **Checks:** aflatoxin, moisture per commodity, rancidity for high-fat nuts, micro. **Pack:** 5 / 10 / 25 kg vacuum or nitrogen-flushed cartons; retail 100 g–1 kg. **MOQ** 500 kg per SKU retail, 5 MT bulk; 15–25 days from PO.

WHY MAKHANA IS GROWING

A low-fat, protein-rich snack with demand rising in the Gulf, the US, the UK and South-East Asia. India announced a Makhana Board in the 2025 Union Budget and gave makhana its own tariff lines, which makes the product easier to classify and track.

CERTIFICATIONS ON REQUEST

FSSAI, CoA per batch, Kosher and Halal, organic (NPOP; USDA NOP or EU Organic via certified partners), and BRCCS or HACCP-certified processors for food-industry buyers.

Dehydrated onion, garlic & tomato



Product	HS code	Forms	Key specs
Onion , white and red	0712 20 00	Powder (200 mesh), granules (16/40 mesh), flakes (3–7 mm), minced	Moisture below 7%, colour, foreign matter below 0.05%
Garlic	0712 90 20	Powder, granules, flakes	Moisture below 7%, pungency, micro
Tomato	0712 90 90	Spray-dried and drum-dried powder, flakes	Moisture below 5%, colour, lycopene, solubility

WHERE IT COMES FROM

Gujarat is India's main onion and garlic dehydration hub, drying the white onion varieties grown for it. Tomato powder comes from processors in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

FOR FOOD PROCESSORS

Steam sterilisation for low microbial counts, BRCGS or HACCP-certified plants, Kosher and Halal, and a CoA per batch. Tomato paste (28/36 brix, HS 2002 90) is available in aseptic drums.

Packing	MOQ	Lead time	Ports
15 / 20 / 25 kg multi-wall paper with PE liner; retail 100–500 g	2.5 MT per SKU (onion, garlic); 3 MT (tomato); mixed 20 ft from 12 MT	15–22 days from PO	Nhava Sheva, Mundra

Food safety, testing & compliance

Spices are among the most tested foods in world trade. We plan the lab panel around the destination's limits, not India's, and send the report before the goods ship.

Risk	How it is controlled
Ethylene oxide (ETO)	No ETO anywhere in the chain: not for fumigation, storage or packaging. Pre-shipment ETO testing is mandatory for the EU and UK (since 2022) and for Singapore and Hong Kong (since May 2024), and we apply it to other destinations on request.
Aflatoxin & ochratoxin	Tested against the destination limit; the EU limits are the strictest and the usual benchmark.
Pesticide residues	Multi-residue panel at an NABL-accredited lab against the destination's MRLs.
Sudan dyes & adulterants	Tested for chilli and chilli-based blends; required for several Asian and EU markets.
Microbiology	Salmonella, E. coli and total plate count; steam sterilisation where the buyer's spec needs low counts.
Heavy metals	Lead, cadmium, arsenic and mercury per batch, especially for turmeric and ground spices.

Documents with every shipment

- Phytosanitary Certificate (DPPQS) and fumigation certificate where required
- Certificate of Origin, including preferential forms: Form AI (ASEAN), CEPA (UAE), CECA (Singapore)
- Commercial Invoice, Packing List, Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- Certificate of Analysis per batch, with the lab report
- Spices Board RCMC, FSSAI licence, APEDA registration
- Kosher, Halal, organic TC/COI and steam-sterilisation certificates on request

Sources: Spices Board of India exporter guidelines on ETO (May 2024); EU Regulation (EU) 2023/915 on contaminant limits.

Packaging, private label, MOQ & lead time

Format	Used for	Notes
25 kg multi-wall paper with PE liner	Ground spices, powders, dehydrated	Standard bulk export pack
50 kg jute or PP woven	Whole turmeric, chilli, seeds	Breathable for whole spices
5 / 10 / 25 kg vacuum or nitrogen-flushed cartons	Makhana, nuts, dry fruits	Protects against rancidity and moisture
Retail pouches and jars, 50 g–1 kg	All lines	Buyer's brand, local-language labels

Private label as a service

Send your brand guidelines and pack sizes; our design team returns a pack proof with the quotation. Labels follow the destination's rules, for example Bahasa Indonesia for Indonesia or Arabic and English for the Gulf.

MOQ, lead time & sampling

Line	MOQ	Lead time from PO	Free sample
Turmeric	5 MT per variety	18–25 days	200 g
Whole & ground spices	5 MT per SKU	21–28 days	200 g per SKU
Makhana	500 kg retail · 3 MT bulk	12–20 days	250 g
Dry fruits & nuts	500 kg retail · 5 MT bulk	15–25 days	250 g per SKU
Dehydrated onion & garlic	2.5 MT per SKU	15–22 days	250 g
Tomato powder	3 MT per SKU	15–22 days	250 g

Mixed-SKU 20 ft containers from about 12 MT. The buyer pays the sample courier. Pricing on request, FOB / CFR / CIF; first reply in 8–12 hours, written quotation within 48 hours. Payment terms are agreed per order and confirmed on the proforma invoice.

Focus markets — import requirements

Summaries for planning. Rules change and depend on the product and pack; the importer confirms current requirements before the first order.

INDONESIA — PRIORITY MARKET

Trade agreement	ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA); Form AI certificate of origin for preferential duty.
Food registration	Processed and retail-packed food (ground spices, blends, makhana snacks, dehydrated powders) needs BPOM registration (ML number) held by the importer, and labels in Bahasa Indonesia.
Halal	Mandatory Halal certification for food under Law 33/2014, phased in; certificates from bodies recognised by Indonesia's BPJPH.
Quarantine	Barantin: phytosanitary certificate for plant products, and Prior Notice for plant shipments since October 2024.
Transit	16–18 days by sea from Nhava Sheva to Tanjung Priok; shorter from Chennai.

Market	Authority	Key requirement for spices & dry fruits	Transit (sea)
Malaysia	MAQIS · MOH	MAQIS import permit for plant products; Food Act labelling in Malay or English; Halal (JAKIM-recognised) valued by retailers	7–14 days
Vietnam	Plant quarantine · MOH	Phytosanitary certificate; food-safety declaration for packed food; Form AI for AITIGA duty	16–20 days
Singapore	SFA	SFA import licence and TradeNet permit; mandatory ETO testing on Indian spices since 2024	14–16 days
UAE / GCC	MOCCAE · municipalities	Arabic labelling, Halal for processed food, product registration in some emirates; CEPA duty benefits for UAE	7–12 days
UK	FSA · Port Health	ETO and aflatoxin controls; higher checks on some Indian spices; GB MRLs	22–28 days
EU	National authorities	ETO testing mandatory; aflatoxin and pesticide limits; increased official controls for some Indian spices under Reg. 2019/1793	18–24 days
USA	FDA · CBP	FDA facility registration, Prior Notice, FSVP by the importer; salmonella controls on spices	22–35 days

Sources: Spices Board of India; BPOM and BPJPH (Indonesia); Singapore Food Agency; darsavioexim.com corridor pages. Checked September 2026.

Quote your spice or dry-fruit order

Send the product, grade, form (whole, ground or dehydrated), pack, volume, destination port and INCOTERM. Quotation in your preferred language. First reply within 8-12 hours; formal quotation within 48 hours.

CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE ACROSS OUR PROCESSING & SUPPLIER NETWORK

Every lot ships with the certificates the destination asks for, from Spices Board registration and lab reports to organic, Kosher, Halal and food-safety certification, with traceability from the farm to the buyer's door.



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