



Moringa Powder

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The **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has been supporting private entities in creating necessary infrastructure to promote **Moringa products exports** from India.

Key Points

- Globally, the demand for Moringa products, such as **Moringa Leaf Powder and Moringa Oil, Moringa as a nutritional supplement and in food fortification** has been witnessing healthy growth.
- Its usage has been well received among the global consumers for its nutritional, medicinal, culinary uses.

Moringa

- Botanical name: ***Moringa oleifera***
- It is a **fast-growing, drought-resistant tree native to the Indian subcontinent.**
- Common names include moringa, drumstick tree, horseradish tree etc.
- It is widely cultivated for its **young seed pods and leaves**, used as vegetables and **for traditional herbal medicine.** It is also used for **water purification.**
- It has various healthy compounds such as **various vitamins**, important elements such as **Iron, Magnesium** etc. and is extremely low on fats and contains **no cholesterol.**

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was established by the Government of India under the **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985.**
- It functions under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

- The Authority has its **headquarters in New Delhi.**
- APEDA is mandated with the **responsibility of export promotion and development** of the scheduled products like fruits, vegetables and their products, meat and meat products, etc.
- APEDA has been entrusted with the **responsibility to monitor import of sugar.**

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