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## Rajasthan's Peanut Exporters Hit As Southeast Asian Nations Halt Imports Over Alleged Fungal Contamination

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Suendra Kumar Maroo, Additional Director, Agriculture Extension, said, "Aflatoxin is a kind of fungus. It is also called 'holoheart', and locally it is known as 'tikki'. It degrades the quality of the groundnut crop, which is why peanut exports have been impacted. Several containers were refused because aflatoxin was found in the peanut consignments." Exporters in Bikaner are not taking the setback lightly, pointing out that nearly 60 per cent of the peanuts exported from India are shipped to three South East Asian countries.

The Bikaner division alone accounts for two-thirds of the groundnuts grown in Rajasthan, and exporters said that the absence of exports will lead to oversupply and a fall in prices.

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