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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: the 19th March, 2007


Office Memorandum

Subject: Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Amendment) Order, 2007

Please find enclosed herewith the text of the draft Notification (in WTO format) to the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment) Order, 2007 proposing certain amendments to the phytosanitary conditions governing the import of certain plants and plant materials into India.

2. It is requested that further necessary action to notify the same to the WTO Secretariat may be taken at your end at the earliest. A copy of the draft notification is also enclosed herewith for information.

Encl. As above


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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Department of Commerce
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Copy for information to:

1. Dr. P.S. Chandurkar, Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. of PPQ&S, NH-IV, Faridabad
2. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Joint Director (PQ), Dte. of PPQ&S, NH-IV, Faridabad
3. Dr. N. Sathyanarayana, Deputy Director (PP), Regional Plant Quarantine Station, G.S.T. Road, Near Trident Hotel, Meenabakkam, Chennai with a request that the said draft notification alongwith the WTO/SPS Notification format be hosted in the website www.plantquarantine.org.
4. ✓ NIC, Krish Bhavan, for listing the said draft notification alongwith WTO-SPS format in website <http://www.agricoop.nic.in>

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

1. Member of Agreement notifying: INDIA
2. Agency responsible: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national scheduled deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition where applicable): Plants and Plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Listed trading partner countries, exporting Plants and Plant materials to India.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Amendment) Order, 2007 Language – English/Hindi Number of pages - 5
6. Description of content: The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment) Order, 2007 seeks further to rationalize provisions governing import of certain species of plants and plant materials into India for which country – specific, commodity-specific and item-specific Pest Risk Analysis have been finalized. This notification will also make possible imports of plants and plant materials into India, which were, till date, not permitted to be imported into India. The list of such new plants/plant materials include 22 new items under Schedule VI and 2 items under Schedule VII of the Order. The details can be seen in the website www.plantquarantineindia.org or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Mr. Amand Shah, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 011, INDIA. Tele/Fax: 91-11-23389441 Email: amandshah@hotmail.com dac.sps@nic.in amand@krishi.nic.in

7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection
[] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,
[] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:
[] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] Office International des Epizooties
[] International Plant Protection Convention. [] None
if an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

The contents of this notification are in consonance with the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of FAO are based on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
English and Hindi

10. Proposed date of adoption: **This draft notification is to be adopted on 30.6.2007.**

11. Proposed date of entry into force: **30.6.2007 (Tentative)**

12. Final date of comments: **30.5.2007**

Agency or authority designated to handle comments:

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13. Text available from:

Website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz. www.plantquarantineindia.org

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