

F.No.8-20/2005-P.P.I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject : Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2008.

Please find enclosed the text of the draft notification (in WTO format) of the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2008 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 and WTO notification number allotted by WTO Secretariat may please be intimated to this Department. The complete text of the draft notification is also enclosed for information.

This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary (PKB), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.



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Director(PP)

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Department of Commerce  
(Shri Chanchal C. Sarkar, Deputy Director)  
Trade Policy Division,  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,  
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy for information to :

1. Dr. P.S. Chandurkar, Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad with the direction to host the said notification as well as the WTO/SPS notification format on the website [www.plantquarantineindia.org](http://www.plantquarantineindia.org) under the head "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2008" and "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India)(Second Amendment) Order, 2008 (in WTO format)" for immediate implementation and to furnish Hindi version of the notification to this Department, at the earliest.
2. Ms. Anju Sharma, Director, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Joint Director(PQ), Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad with a similar request.
4. Sh. Shiv Sagar Varma, Deputy Director(PP), Regional Plant Quarantine Station, GST Road, Near Trident Hotel, Meenabakka, Chennai with the direction to host the said draft notification as well as the WTO/SPS notification format on the website [www.plantquarantineindia.org](http://www.plantquarantineindia.org). under the head "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2008" and "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India)(Second Amendment) Order, 2008 (in WTO format)" for immediate implementation.
- ✓ 5. NIC, Krishi Bhawan, with the direction to host the said draft notification as well as the WTO-SPS format on website [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the head "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2008" and "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India)(Second Amendment) Order, 2008 (in WTO format)".

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

1.	Member of Agreement notifying : <b>INDIA</b>
2.	Agency responsible : <b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE &amp; COOPERATION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA</b>
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): <b>Plants and Plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments.</b>
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <b>Listed trading partner countries, exporting Plants and Plant materials to India.</b>
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <b>Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2008 Language – English Number of pages – 15</b>
6.	Description of content :  <b>The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2008 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of 24 items notified under Schedule VI, for various countries. Out of the 24 items, 17 are for propagation material or seeds for sowing, 4 are for consumption purposes, 1 is wood without bark, 1 is dry plant material for medicinal purpose and 1 is Tissue culture plant. There are 18 items which have been added under Schedule VI of the Order for the first time. This notification will make possible imports of plants and plant materials into India, which were, till date, not permitted to be imported into India. The details can be seen in the website <a href="http://www.plantquarantineindia.org">www.plantquarantineindia.org</a> or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Mr. Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23381385.</b>  <b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:amit.jha@nic.in">amit.jha@nic.in</a></b>
7.	Objective and rationale : [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [✓] plant protection

<p>or disease.</p> <p>pests.</p>	<p>[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] protect humans from animal/ plant pest</p> <p>[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] protect territory from other damage from</p>
<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations.</p> <p><b>The contents of this notification are in consonance with the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection (IPPC) of FAO are based on Pest Risk Analysis(PRA).</b></p>	
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:  <b>ENGLISH</b></p>	
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption : <b>This draft notification is to adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008.</b></p>	
<p>1. Proposed date of entry into force : <b>1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008 (Tentative)</b></p>	
<p>2. Final date of comments : <b>10<sup>th</sup> July, 2008</b></p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments :  <b>National Enquiry Point - Mr. Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23381385.</b></p> <p><b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:amit.jha@nic.in">amit.jha@nic.in</a></b></p>	
<p>3. Text available from :</p> <p><b>Website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz. <a href="http://www.plantquarantineindia.org">www.plantquarantineindia.org</a></b></p> <p><b>And</b></p> <p><b>National Enquiry Point - Mr. Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23381385.</b></p> <p><b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:amit.jha@nic.in">amit.jha@nic.in</a></b></p>	