

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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

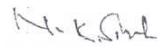
Subject:- Notification regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009, to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO.

Please find enclosed the text of the notification to the WTO containing the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009 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 text of the notification containing the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009 will be available at [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in), under the Head "Circulars and Notifications" (Plant Quarantine Order and Amendments).

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Plant Protection).

Encl. As above.

  
(N.K. Sinha)

Under Secretary Government of India  
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Trade Policy Division,  
(Shri Rajeev Kher, Joint Secretary),  
Department of Commerce,  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,  
Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.

Copy for information to :

1. Dr. P.S. Chandurkar, Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad enclosing herewith the text of the complete notification containing the **draft "Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009"** with the request to arrange to provide the hindi translation and circulation to all Plant Quarantine Stations.
2. Shri Prashant Goyal, Director, Trade Policy Division, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Joint Director(PQ), Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad.
4. Shri Shiv Sagar Verma, Deputy Director(PP), Regional Plant Quarantine Station, GST Road, Near Trident Hotel, Meenabakkam, Chennai **with the direction to include the draft "Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009"** in the consolidated version of the PQ Order, 2003.
5. Shri Vijay Kumar, NIC, Krishi Bhawan, **with the direction to host the said notification on the website [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the 'Circulars and Notifications' (Plant Quarantine Order and Amendments) and 'WTO Notification' as "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009" (WTO Notification)".**

## 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) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009</b> <b>Language – English</b> <b>Number of pages – 10</b>
6.	Description of content :  The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of 3 items notified under Schedule VI, for various countries. Out of the 4 items, 1 is Grain (seeds) for consumption, 1 is seeds for sowing and 2 are fresh fruits for consumption. There are 4 items (Sl. No. 712 – 715) 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, hitherto, not permitted to be imported into India. The details can be seen in the website <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> (Circulars and Notifications -> Plant Quarantine Order and Amendments-> Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Eighth Amendment) Order, 2009) or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – <b>Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306, E-mail : <a href="mailto:pankajkumar@nic.in">pankajkumar@nic.in</a></b>

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 standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations.  <b>The contents of this notification are in consonance with the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection (IPPC) of FAO and are based on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).</b>
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <b>ENGLISH</b>
10.	Proposed date of adoption : <b>This draft notification is to be adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.</b>
11.	Proposed date of entry into force : <b>1<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 (Tentative)</b>
12.	Final date of comments : <b>10<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.</b>  Agency or authority designated to handle comments :  <b>National Enquiry Point - Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306.</b>  <b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:pankajkumar@nic.in">pankajkumar@nic.in</a></b>
13.	Text available from :  <b>Website of the Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz. <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> and <a href="http://www.plantquarantineindia.org">www.plantquarantineindia.org</a></b> <b>And</b> <b>National Enquiry Point - Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306.</b>  <b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:pankajkumar@nic.in">pankajkumar@nic.in</a></b>