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SECTION -3, SUB-SECTION (ii)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the June, 2015

S.O. (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (2 of 1914), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Order may be called the Plant Quarantine(Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2015.
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment of Schedule VI.- In the Schedule VI to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003,-
 - (i) Against serial number 212 relating *Medicago spp.* (Lucerne or Alfalfa) in Column (3), the entry shall be re-numbered as item (i) thereof and after item (i) as so re-numbered and the entries relating thereto in columns (4), (5) and (6), the following item and entries shall respectively be inserted namely:-

Category of plant material	Country of origin	Additional declarations required to be incorporated into Phytosanitary certificate	Special conditions of import
(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Hay for consumption (Stock feed)	USA	Free from: 1. <i>Ditylenchus dipsasci</i> (stem and bulb nematode) 2. <i>Clavibacter michiganense subsp. insidiosus</i> (bacterial lucerne wilt) 3. <i>Colletotrichum trifolii</i> (anthracnose of lucerne) 4. <i>Leptosphaeria pratensis</i> (leaf spot: alfalfa)	i. Free from quarantine weed seeds and soil contamination. ii. Forced hot air treatment at 56 degree Celsius for 30 minutes or any other treatment approved by the Plant Protection Adviser for this purpose. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary Certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export."

(ii) Against serial number 262, relating to Pome fruits(Apple, Pear(*Pyrus spp.*) and Quince (*Cydonia spp.*) in column (2) against entry (i), in column (3) against entry (iii) 'Fresh fruits for consumption', after item (xv) and entries relating thereto in columns (4),(5) and (6), the following item and entries relating thereto shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(xvi) Bulgaria	Free from : a) <i>Aculus schlechtendali</i> (Apple rust mite) b) <i>Adoxophyes orana</i> (Summer fruit tortrix) c) <i>Ametastegia</i> (Sawflies) d) <i>Archips podanus</i> (Great brown twist moth) e) <i>Byturus tomentosus</i> (Raspberry beetle) f) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) g) <i>Cornu aspersum</i> / <i>Helix aspera</i> (Common snail). h) <i>Epidiaspis leperii</i> (European pear scale) i) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Fireblight) j) <i>Frankliniella occidentalis</i> (western flower thrips) k) <i>Grapholita funebrana</i> (Red plum maggot) l) <i>Grapholita molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) m) <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> (Harlequin ladybird) n) <i>Hedya nubiferana</i> (bud moth) o) <i>Hoplocampa spp.</i> p) <i>Lacanobia oleracea</i> (Bright-line brown- eye moth) q) <i>Leucoptera malifoliella</i> (Pear leaf blister moth) r) <i>Metcalfa pruinosa</i> (Frosted moth-bug) s) <i>Orthosia cerasi</i> (Common quaker) t) <i>Pandemis heparana</i> (Apple brown tortrix) u) <i>Peridroma saucia</i> (Pearly underwing moth) v) <i>Phytophthora cryptogea</i> (Tomato foot rot) w) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i> (Bacterial leaf blight of tomato(USA)) x) <i>Venturia pyrina</i> (Black spot of pear)	(a) Pest free area status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) as per international standards or Pre shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.1°C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against fruit fly and (b) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/M ³ for 2 hrs at 21°C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.
(xvii) Spain	Free from: a) <i>Adoxophyes orana</i> (Summer fruit tortrix) b) <i>Ametastegia</i> (Sawflies) c) <i>Byturus tomentosus</i> (Raspberry beetle) d) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) e) <i>Cornu aspersum</i> / <i>Helix aspera</i> (Common snail). f) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (Codling moth) g) <i>Dorosophila simulans</i> h) <i>Epidiaspis leperii</i> (European pear scale) i) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Fireblight) j) <i>Frankliniella occidentalis</i> (western flower thrips) k) <i>Grapholita funebrana</i> (Red plum maggot) l) <i>Grapholita molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) m) <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> (Harlequin ladybird) n) <i>Leucoptera malifoliella</i> (Pear leaf blister	(a) Pest free area status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) as per international standards or Pre shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.1°C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against fruit fly and (b) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/M ³ for 2 hrs at 21°C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.

	moth) o) <i>Metcalfa pruinosa</i> (Frosted moth-bug) p) <i>Monilinia fructigena</i> (Blossom blight of fruit trees) q) <i>Orthosia cerasi</i> (Common quaker) r) <i>Pantomorus cervinus</i> (Fuller's rose beetle) s) <i>Peridroma saucia</i> (Pearly underwing moth) t) <i>Phytophthora cryptogea</i> (Tomato foot rot) u) <i>Pseudococcus calceolariae</i> (Scarlet mealybug) v) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i> (Bacterial leaf blight of tomato(USA)) w) <i>Venturia pyrina</i> (Black spot of pear)	
(xviii) United Kingdom	Free from: a) <i>Aculus schlechtendali</i> (apple rust mite) b) <i>Adoxophyes orana</i> (summer fruit tortrix) c) <i>Ametastegia glabrata</i> d) <i>Archips podanus</i> (great brown twist moth) e) <i>Blastobasis decolorella</i> f) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (codling moth) g) <i>Forficula auricularia</i> h) <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> (harlequin ladybird) i) <i>Hoplocampa testudinea</i> j) <i>Quadraspidiotus pyri</i> k) <i>Syndemis musculana</i>	a) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/M ³ for 2 hrs at 21 ⁰ C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.
(xix) Netherlands	Free from: a) <i>Aculus schlechtendali</i> (apple rust mite) b) <i>Adoxophyes orana</i> (summer fruit tortrix) c) <i>Archips podanus</i> (great brown twist moth) d) <i>Botrytis cinerea</i> e) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (codling moth) f) <i>Harmonia axyridis</i> (harlequin ladybird) g) <i>Hedya nubiferana</i> (bud moth) h) <i>Monilinia fructigena</i> (brown rot) i) <i>Orthosia cerasi</i> (common quaker) j) <i>Pencillium expansum</i> k) <i>Pezicula alba</i> l) <i>Pezicula malicorticis</i> (apple anthracnose) m) <i>Phytophthora cactorum</i> n) <i>Phytophthora cryptogea</i> (tomato foot rot) o) <i>Phytophthora syringae</i> p) <i>Venturia inaequalis</i> q) <i>Venturia pyrina</i> (black spot of pear)	a) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/M ³ for 2 hrs at 21 ⁰ C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.

(iii) Against serial number 289, relating to *Sesamum spp.*(Sesamum) in column (3) against entry 'Grains (seeds) for consumption, after item (vi) and entries relating thereto in columns (4),(5) and (6), the following item and entries relating thereto shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(vii) Mexico	Nil	(i) Free from quarantine weed seeds and soil contamination. (ii) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 16 g/m ³ for 24 hrs at 21 ^o C and above or equivalent or any other treatment approved by the Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.

(iv) Against serial no. 461, regarding *Diospyros kaki* (Persimmon) in column (3), after the item (ii) and the entries relating thereto in columns (4), (5) and (6), the following item and entries shall respectively be inserted, namely:-

(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(iii) Fresh fruits for consumption	(i) Spain	Free from: a) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) b) <i>Lobesia botrana</i> (Grape berry moth) c) <i>Pseudococcus calceolariae</i> (Scarlet mealybug) d) <i>Pseudococcus viburni</i> (Mealybug) e) <i>Sesamia nonagrioides</i> (Mediterranean corn stalk borer)	(i) Pest free area status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> as per international standards Or Pre-shipment cold treatment at 0 ^o C or below for 10 days; 0.55 ^o C or below for 11 days; 1.1 ^o C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against fruit fly and (ii) Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/m ³ for 2hrs at 21 ^o C and above at NAP or equivalent thereof. The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.

(v) Against serial number 775, relating to *Chenopodium quinoa* (Quinoa) in column (3) against entry 'Grain/Seeds for consumption/processing', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) thereof and after item (i) as so re-numbered, the entries relating thereto in columns (4), (5) and (6) the following item and entries relating thereto shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Colombia	Nil	Free from quarantine weed seeds, soil and other plant debris.

3. Amendment of Schedule VII.- In the Schedule VII to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 after serial number 294 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall be inserted namely:-

“295 Hippophae rhamnoides – Sea buckthorn fruit pulp and seeds for consumption.
296 Zanthoxylum bungeanum – Sichuan pepper pods (dried) for consumption.”

[F.No.8-52/2015-PP.II]

(Utpal Kumar Singh)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

Note : The Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 was published in the Gazette of India, vide, number S.O. 1322 (E) dated 18th November, 2003, and subsequently amended vide number S.O.167(E), dated 6th February 2004, S.O. 427(E), dated 29th March, 2004, S.O. 644(E), dated 31st May 2004, S.O. 263(E), dated 25th February 2005, S.O. 462 (E), dated 31st March 2005, S.O. 1121 (E), dated 14th July 2006, S.O. 1353 (E), dated 31st July 2006, S.O. 1873 (E), dated 31st October 2006, S.O. 2074 (E), dated 6th December 2006, S.O. 2069 (E), dated 3rd December, 2007, S.O. 3(E), dated 1st January, 2008, S.O. 2847 (E), dated 8th December, 2008, S.O. 2888 (E), dated 15th December, 2008, S.O. 2286 (E), dated 9th September, 2009, S.O. 2390 (E), dated 16th September, 2009, S.O. 3269 (E), dated 23rd December, 2009, S.O. 3298 (E), dated 24th December, 2009, S.O. 907 (E), dated 21st April, 2010, S.O. 2095(E), dated 27th August, 2010, S.O. 2284 (E), dated 15th September, 2010, S.O. 2516 (E), dated 11th October, 2010, S.O. 2711 (E) dated 4th November, 2010, S.O. 3052(E) dated 28th December, 2010, S.O. 887 (E) dated 28th April, 2011, S.O. No. 2845 (E) dated 21st December, 2011, S.O. No.296 (E) dated 17th February, 2012 and S.O. 2775(E) 23rd November, 2012 S.O.799(E) dated 21st March, 2013, S.O.1378(E) dated 28th May, 2013, S.O.1531(E) dated 14th June, 2013, S.O.2919(E) dated 26th September, 2013, S.O.1508(E) dated 13th June, 2014 and S.O. No.1632(E) dated 27th June, 2014, S.O. No.2320(E) dated 12th September, 2014, S.O. No.2542(E) dated 29th September, 2014, S.O. No.2879(E) dated 11th November, 2014, S.O. No.3114(E) dated 10th December, 2014 and S.O. No. 1413(E) dated 26th May, 2015.

To

The Manager,
Government of India Press,
Mayapuri, New Delhi.

F.No.8-52/2015-P.P.II
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated : 26th June, 2015

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Third Amendment), Order, 2015.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the text of the draft notification (in WTO format) of the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Third Amendment), Order, 2015 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 by Department of Commerce(TPD Division) 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 Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Third Amendment), Order, 2015 will be available at www.agricoop.nic.in under the Head "Circulars and Notifications" – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications.

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

(N.K. Sinha)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Trade Policy Division,
(**Shri Sudhanshu Pandey, Joint Secretary**),
Department of Commerce,
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,
Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

Copy for information to :

1. 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) (Third Amendment), Order, 2015' with the request to arrange to provide the hindi translation.**
2. Sh. D.D.K. Sharma, APPA (PQ), Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad with a similar request.
3. Sr. Tech. Director, NIC, R.No.349, Krishi Bhawan, **with the request to post the said draft notification as well as the WTO-SPS format on website www.agricoop.nic.in under the head "Circulars and Notifications"- Plant Protection - 'WTO Notifications' as "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Third Amendment), Order, 2015'.**

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member of Agreement notifying : INDIA
2.	Agency responsible : DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, 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) (Third Amendment) Order, 2015. Language – English Number of pages – 5
6.	Description of content : The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2015 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of five items notified under Schedule VI and two items under Schedule VII of the above order. This notification will further allow import of plants and plant materials into India. The details can be seen in the website www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications – Draft Plant Quarantine(Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2015 or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Ms. Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23389714. E-mail : anita.puri@nic.in
7.	Objective and rationale : [] food safety, [] animal health, [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] plant protection [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] protect humans from animal/ plant pest or disease. [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] 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.

The contents of this notification are based on Pest Risk Analysis(PRA) conducted as per International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Numbers 2 and 11 of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of sFAO.

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

ENGLISH

10. Proposed date of adoption: **This draft notification is to adopted on 31st August, 2015**

11. Proposed date of entry into force : **10th September, 2015. (Tentative)**

12. Final date of comments : **31st August, 2015.**

Agency or authority designated to handle comments :

National Enquiry Point – Ms. Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23389714.E-mail : anita.puri@nic.in

13. Text available from :

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

And

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