

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated : 1st January, 2008

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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

Please find enclosed herewith the text of the notification (in WTO format) to the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (First Amendment) Order 2008 proposing certain amendments to the Schedule - VI governing the import of plants and plant materials which are till date not permitted to import.

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.

(Amit Jha)
Director (PP.II)

Department of Commerce
(Shri Sanjay Kumar, Director),
Trade Policy Division,
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi.

Copy for information:

1. Dr. P.S. Chandurkar, Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. of PPQ&S, Faridabad.
2. Dr. Ravi Prakash, Joint Director (PQ), Dte. of PPQ&S NH-IV, Faridabad.
3. 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, Krishi Bhawan, for listing the said draft notification alongwith WTO-SPS format in website <http://www.agricoop.nic.in>

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original

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) (First Amendment) Order, 2008 Language – English/Hindi Number of pages – 5
6. Description of content: The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment) Order, 2008 seeks further to liberalize provisions governing import of 14 items which are already notified for different countries except those mentioned for specific countries are given in the proposed notification. Out of 14 items 12 are propagative seed material, 1 planting material and 1 for consumption purpose and 8 are new items (Sl. No. 572 to 579). This notification will make possible to imports of above 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 www.plantquarantineindia.org or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Shri Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001, INDIA. Tele/Fax: 91-11-23381385

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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 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] 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.
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 3.03.2008.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 25.03.2008 (Tentative)
12. Final date of comments: 3.03.2008 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Enquiry Point – Shri Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001, INDIA. Tele/Fax: 91-11-23381385 Email: amit.jha@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.plantquarantineindia.org And National Enquiry Point – Shri Amit Jha, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001, INDIA. Tele/Fax: 91-11-23381385 Email: amit.jha@nic.in

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA (EXTRAORDINARY) PART II SECTION
3 SUB SECTION (ii)]
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Department of Agriculture and Cooperation)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2nd January, 2008

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. (1) This Order may be called the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (First Amendment), Order, 2008.
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. All Stakeholders desirous of making any suggestions/comments on the draft Order, may forward with the scientific justification to the National Enquiry Point Shri Amit Jha, Director (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Room No. 232, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi; Telefax 23381385, e-mail amit.jha@nic.in within sixty days w.e.f. 2.01.2008.
3. In the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (herein referred to as the said Order) in Schedule VI:-

(i) In the following serial numbers, the entries in column numbers 3,4,5 and 6, may be added as follows:-

S.No	Plant species	Category of plant material	Country of origin	Additional declarations required to be incorporated into Phytosanitary Certificate	Special conditions of import
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
24.	<i>Amaranthus coudatus</i> (Amaranthus)	Seeds for sowing	(iv) Asia	Nil	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
38.	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> (Asparagus)	Seeds for sowing	(v) The Netherlands (vi) France	Free from: (a) <i>Arabidopsis</i> mosaic virus (b) <i>Strawberry latent ring spot</i> virus	(i) Free from quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Free from soil contamination (iii) Seed crop inspection and certification for free from (a) and (b) by a competent authority at the country of origin.

			(vii) UK (viii) Italy (ix) Germany	Free from: (a) <i>Arabid mosaic virus</i> (b) <i>Strawberry latent ringspot virus</i> (c) <i>Asparagus virus 1</i> (d) <i>Asparagus virus 2</i>	(i) Free from quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Free from soil contamination (iii) Seed crop inspection and certification for free from (a), (b), (c) and (d) by a competent authority at the country of origin.
			(x) Spain	Free from: (a) <i>Strawberry latent ringspot virus</i> (b) <i>Acremonium strictum</i>	(i) Free from quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Free from soil contamination (iii) Seed crop inspection and certification for free from (a) by a competent authority at the country of origin.
103.	<i>Cucumis melo</i> (Musk melon)	Seeds for sowing	(xv) Chile	Nil	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds.
106.	<i>Cucurbita moschata</i> (Pumpkin)	Seeds for sowing	(vi) UK (vii) Germany (viii) Denmark (ix) France (x) Italy (xi) Spain (xii) the Netherlands	Free from <i>Peridroma saucia</i> (Pearly underwing moth)	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds.
171	<i>Hordium spp.</i> (Barley)	(iii) Grains for malting	Any country	Free from: (c) Ergot (<i>Claviceps purpurea</i>) (d) Granary weevil (<i>Sitophilus granarius</i>)	Fumigation with Methyl Bromide @ 32g/cu. Metre at 21 degree Celsius or above under NA; OR Fumigation with Aluminum Phosphide @ 9g/metric tonne (in case of import in bulk) with an exposure period of 21 days and either of the above treatment is to be endorsed on the PSC.
244.	<i>Papaver spp.</i>	Seeds for sowing	(iii) U.K (iv) the Netherlands (v) Spain (vi) Germany (vii) Italy	Nil Free from <i>Artichoke</i> Italian latent virus	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds

248.	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Parsley)	Seeds for sowing	(vii) U.K.	Free from: (a) <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (b) <i>Celery mosaic virus</i> (c) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	(i) Freedom from soil and quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Seed Crop inspection and certification for Free from (b) by a Competent Authority at the country of origin.
			(viii) Germany	Free from: (a) <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (b) <i>Pleospora herbarum</i> (Leaf blight of onion) (c) <i>Celery mosaic virus</i> (d) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i> (e) Chicory mosaic virus	(i) Freedom from soil and quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Seed Crop inspection and certification for Free from (c) and (e) by a Competent Authority at the country of origin.
			(ix) Spain	Free from: (a) <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (b) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
			(x) Israel	Free from <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (Stem and bulb nematode)	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
272.	<i>Raphanus sativus</i> (Radish)	Seeds for sowing	(xii) Chile	Free from <i>Peridroma saucia</i> (Pearly underwing moth)	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
300	<i>Tagetes erecta</i> (Marigold)	(ii) Plants/cuttings for propagation	Netherlands	Free from <i>Phytophthora cryptogea</i> (Tomato foot rot)	(i) Post-entry quarantine for a period of 45 days (ii) Freedom from soil.
303	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Seeds for sowing	(ii) U K (iii) USA (iv) the Netherlands (v) Spain	Nil	(i) Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds (ii). Crop inspection and certification for freedom from <i>Helix aspersa</i>

			(vi) Italy (vii) France (viii) Germany		(Common snail)
311	<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	Seeds for sowing	(iv)U.K. (v) Spain (vi) Italy	Free from: (a) <i>Peridroma saucia</i> (b) <i>Pseudomonas viridiflava</i>	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
353.	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> (Squash)	Seeds for sowing	(ii) U.K.	Free from: (a) <i>Arabidopsis mosaic virus</i> (b) <i>Trialeurodes vaporariorum</i> (c) <i>Diabrotica virgifera virgifera</i>	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
432.	<i>Abelmoschus esculentus</i> (Okra)	Seeds for sowing	(iv) USA	Free from: (a) <i>Phomopsis longicolla</i> (b) <i>Helicoverpa zea</i> (c) <i>Cercospora abelmoschii</i>	(i) Free from quarantine weeds seeds (ii) Free from soil contamination (iii) Seed crop inspection and certification for free from (a) by a competent authority at the country of origin.
493	<i>Paspalum spp.</i>	Seeds for sowing	USA	Nil	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds

(ii) after serial number 571 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and entries shall be added:-

S.No.	Plant species	Category of plant material	Country of origin	Additional declarations required to be incorporated into Phytosanitary Certificate	Special conditions of import
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
572.	<i>Penicium vergatum</i>	Tissue culture plants	USA	Certified that the tissue cultured plants were obtained from mother stock tested and maintained free from virus	Post-entry quarantine for a period of 45 days.

573.	<i>Ceratozamia spp./ Macrozamia spp.</i> (Cycad)	Seeds for sowing	Any country	Nil	Freedom from quarantine weeds seeds
574.	<i>Ranunculus arvensis</i>	Tissue culture plants	Netherlands	Certified that the tissue cultured plants were obtained from mother stock tested and maintained free from virus.	Post-entry quarantine for a period of 45 days.
575.	<i>Gypsophilla paniculata</i>	Tissue culture plants	Israel	Certified that the tissue cultured plants were obtained from mother stock tested and maintained free from virus.	Post-entry quarantine for a period of 45 days.
576	<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i> (Safed musli)	Dried plant material for medicinal use	Any country	Nil	Free from quarantine weeds seeds
577	<i>Passiflora foetida</i> (Stone Flower)	Dried flowers for medicinal use	Any country	Nil	Free from quarantine weeds seeds
578	<i>Inula L.</i> (Pushkara moola)	Dried plant material for medicinal use	China	Nil	Free from quarantine weeds seeds
579	<i>Carduus spp.</i> (Musk Root)	Dried root for medicinal use	Any country	Nil	Free from quarantine weeds seeds”

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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, 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. 1363 (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. (E) dated 31st December, 2007 and S.O. (E) dated January, 2008.

