

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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 4th June, 2009

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Notification regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth 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) (Fifth 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) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009 will be available at 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)

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Trade Policy Division,
(Shri Jayant Das Gupta, 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) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009"** with the request to arrange to provide the hindi translation and circulation to all Plant Quarantine Stations.
2. Mr. Himanshu Gupta, 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.
5. NIC, Krishi Bhawan, with the direction to host the said notification on the website 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) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009" (WTO Notification)".

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009 Language – English Number of pages – 13
6.	Description of content : The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of 9 items notified under Schedule VI, for various countries. Out of the 9 items, 2 are plants/ cuttings for propagation, 1 is bulbs for propagation purpose, 1 is seed for sowing, 1 is Tissue culture plants, 2 are Timber logs for consumption, 1 is Grains for consumption and 1 is for plants/ cuttings for propagation and Tissue culture plants both. There are 11 items (Sl. No. 667 – 677) 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 www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications -> Plant Quarantine Order and Amendments-> Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2009) or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306, E-mail : pankajkumar@nic.in

7.	Objective and rationale : <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <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. 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).
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: ENGLISH
10.	Proposed date of adoption : This draft notification is to be adopted on 5th September, 2009.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force : 5th September, 2009 (Tentative)
12.	Final date of comments : 5th August, 2009 Agency or authority designated to handle comments : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306. E-mail : pankajkumar@nic.in
13.	Text available from : Website of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz. www.agricoop.nic.in and www.plantquarantineindia.org And Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 224, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23070306, E-mail : pankajkumar@nic.in