

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
COOPERATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY AND FOOD SECURITY,
REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF
FRESH MANGO FROM INDIA**

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of India, represented by the High Commission of India in Mauritius, and the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, Republic of Mauritius, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Whereas this Protocol is prepared in accordance with Article 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding on Plant Health Cooperation between the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of India, and the National Plant Protection Office, Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security, Republic of Mauritius;

Desiring to enhance the existing friendly relations between the two countries through cooperation in Plant Health and trade related fields, importation of fresh fruits from the Republic of India and recognising the advantages to be derived from the promotion of such cooperation;

The Parties have agreed as follows:

Article I

The aim of this Protocol is to establish the phytosanitary condition for the importation of fresh mango fruits from the Republic of India.

Article II

The mangoes as per this Protocol can be exported from the Republic of India to the Republic of Mauritius during 1st April to 31st August of every year.

Article III

Fruits shall be sourced from officially registered orchards and fresh mango fruits imported from the Republic of India shall be subject to one of the following treatments:

(i) **VAPOUR HEAT TREATMENT (VHT)**

The innermost fruit pulp shall reach 47.8 degrees centigrade and be maintained at that temperature or higher for a minimum of 20 minutes. Treatment starts when the core temperature of monitored fruit reaches, or is above, the required temperature.

Or

(ii) **HOT WATER TREATMENT (HWT)**

Mangoes shall be treated with a submersion heat treatment in accordance with the following schedule:

- (i) **Fruits up to 500 grams : 48° C for 60 minutes**
- (ii) **Fruits up to 700 grams : 48° C for 75 minutes**
- (iii) **Fruits up to 900 grams : 48° C for 90 minutes**

Fruits must be submerged at least 10 cm below the circulating water surface and the water temperature kept at 48° C throughout the treatment.

Vapour Heat Treatment or **Hot Water Treatment** shall be effected in packing house facilities registered with and audited by the Official Plant Protection Service of the Republic of India. A regular updated list of officially accredited and registered packing houses shall be submitted to the National Plant Protection Office of the Republic of Mauritius.

Article IV

Fruits shall be packed in clean standard carton boxes free of plant debris and soil. Labelling should contain information to facilitate identification of packing house and traceability.

Care should be taken to safeguard the phytosanitary security of the product so as to prevent re-infestation by fruit flies prior to shipment.

Article V

Phytosanitary inspection shall be carried out by the Official Plant Protection Service of the Republic of India. Treatment details, packing house registration number, fruit quantity, fruit variety and origin shall be endorsed on the Phytosanitary Certificate prior to shipment.

Consignment shall be inspected on arrival in the Republic of Mauritius. Non-compliance with this Protocol or presence of live fruit flies will result in reshipment or destruction of consignment as per laws in force in the Republic of Mauritius.

Article VI

Either Party may, in writing, request an amendment to this Protocol.

The amendments shall integrate fully in the Protocol after official written agreement on the contents by the Parties.

Article VII

This Protocol shall become effective on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years, unless extended or terminated.

This Protocol may be extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

This Protocol may be terminated at any time by either Party by issuing a written notice of its intention to the other Party at least six (6) months in advance.

Article VIII

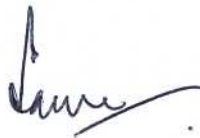
This Protocol shall not in any way affect the commitments of the Parties under existing bilateral Agreements between the two countries.

Article IX

Any difference in relation to interpretation or application of the present Protocol shall be resolved amicably through negotiations between the Parties.

Done at Port Louis on this **Eleventh day of March 2015** in two originals each in English language.

**On behalf of the
Republic of India**



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**On behalf of the
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