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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

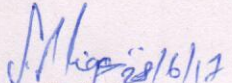
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001  
Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject : Relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities – Regarding.**

Reference is invited to Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare letter No. 8-65/2012-PP.II dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 and Office Memorandum of even number dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, regarding relaxation in the fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities into India. The competent authority in the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, has decided to extend the relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities for which fumigation treatment with Methyl Bromide is stipulated in the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (PQ Order, 2003), on the following conditions :-

- (i) The date of Bill of Lading in the country of export may be 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 or before;
- (ii) If fumigation treatment with Methyl Bromide is stipulated for that commodity in the PQ Order, 2003, it will be allowed without offshore Methyl Bromide fumigation from those countries, which certify discontinuance of this chemical for phytosanitary measure;
- (iii) Penal fee in respect of those consignments will be charged, as prescribed in the PQ Order 2003.
- (iv) The other conditions mentioned in the above referred letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, will remain unchanged.
- (v) Non-compliance reported in the import of such plants and plant products consignments will be dealt as per the provisions of PQ Order, 2003.

  
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To

All concerned.

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1. Dr. A. K. Sinha, Plant Protection Adviser, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, NH-IV, Faridabad, with the request to sensitize all stakeholders.
2. PPS to Secretary (DAC&FW)
3. PPS to AS(AD) / PPS to JS (PP)
4. Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Krishi Bhavan, with request to upload the above OM in the website of the Ministry under heading 'Documents' sub-head 'Circulars and Notifications', 'Plant Protection'.