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Ministry of Agriculture  
Government of India  
(Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2011

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Prohibition on carrying rice in baggage by air passengers travelling to USA.**

The undersigned is directed to say that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) has notified new phytosanitary regulations for the entry of rice from countries including India where Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) is known to occur. These regulations *inter alla* prohibit non-commercial rice shipments including passenger baggage and mail with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

The undersigned is directed to request that advisory may be issued to air passengers travelling to USA not to carry rice in their baggage. Also action may be taken to prohibit despatch of rice to USA through other means such as courier and mail.

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