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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject : Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fifth Amendment), Order, 2017.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the text of the draft notification (in WTO format) of the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fifth Amendment), Order, 2017 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 by Department of Commerce (TPD Division) 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 Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fifth Amendment), Order, 2017 will be available at [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the Head "Circulars and Notifications" – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications.

3. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.



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Copy for information to :

1. 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, 2017'** with the request to arrange to provide the hindi translation.
2. Joint Director(PP), Dte. of PPQ&S, Faridabad with a similar request.
3. Sr. Tech. Director, NIC, R.No.349, Krishi Bhawan, with the request to post the **said draft notification as well as the WTO-SPS format on website [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the head "Circulars and Notifications"- Plant Protection - 'WTO Notifications' as "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fifth Amendment), Order, 2017'**.

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

Original

1.	Member of Agreement notifying : <b>INDIA</b>
2.	Agency responsible : <b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION &amp; FARMERS WELFARE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE &amp; FARMERS WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA</b>
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): <b>Plants and Plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments.</b>
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <b>Listed trading partner countries, exporting Plants and Plant materials to India.</b>
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <b>Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2017.</b>  <b>Language – English</b> <b>Number of pages – 7</b>
6.	Description of content :  The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2017 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of eleven items under Schedule VI of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and two items under Schedule VII. This notification will further allow import of plants and plant materials into India. The details can be seen in the website <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications – Draft Plant Quarantine(Regulation of Import into India) (Fifth Amendment) Order, 2017 or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 238, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele : 91-11-23382937. E-mail : <a href="mailto:jspp-dac@nic.in">jspp-dac@nic.in</a>

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 based on Pest Risk Analysis(PRA) conducted as per International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Numbers 2 and 11 of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of FAO.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <b>ENGLISH</b>
10. Proposed date of adoption: <b>This draft notification is to adopted on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017</b>
11. Proposed date of entry into force : <b>15<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 (Tentative)</b>
12. Final date of comments : 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017  Agency or authority designated to handle comments : <b>Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation &amp; Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare, Room No. 238, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele : 91-11-23382937. E-mail : <a href="mailto:jspp-dac@nic.in">jspp-dac@nic.in</a></b>  National Enquiry Point – Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 238, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23382937. E-mail : <a href="mailto:jspp-dac@nic.in">jspp-dac@nic.in</a>
13. Text available from :  Website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India viz. <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> and <a href="http://www.plantquarantineindia.org">www.plantquarantineindia.org</a> And National Enquiry Point – Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 238, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23382937. E-mail : <a href="mailto:jspp-dac@nic.in">jspp-dac@nic.in</a>

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
(DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the May, 2017

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. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Order may be called the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) ( Fifth Amendment) Order, 2017.  
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment of Schedule VI.- In the Schedule VI to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003-

(i) Against serial number 79, relating to *Cicer arietinum* (Chick Pea) in column (3) against the entry (ii) 'Seeds/Grains for consumption', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Any Country' and after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Canada	Nil	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2.NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.

(ii) Against serial number 194, relating to *Lens culinaris* (Lentils) in column (4), against serial number (ii) 'Canada', and the entries relating thereto, the entries in columns (5) and (6) shall be replaced with the following entries, namely:

(5)	(6)
Free from : <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (stem and bulb nematode)	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2. NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.

(iii) Against serial number 255, relating to *Pisum spp.* (Pea) in column (3) against the entry (ii) 'Seeds/Grains for consumption', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Any Country' and after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Canada	Free from: a) <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (Stem and bulb nematode) b) <i>Heterodera goettingiana</i> (Pea cyst nematode) c) <i>Bruchidius spp. Specularis impressithorax</i> (Bruchids)	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2. NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.

(iv) Against serial number 262, relating to Pome fruits, in column (2) against the entry (ii) regarding '*Malus domestica* (Apple)', in column (3) regarding 'Fresh fruits for consumption, in column (4) after item (iv) and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(v) Moldova	Free from: a) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (fireblight) b) <i>Pseudococcus comstocki</i> (Comstock mealybug)	Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/m <sup>3</sup> for 2hrs at 21°C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof. <b>OR</b> Pre-shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 13 days; 0.55°C or below

		for 14 days; 1.1°C or below for 18 days plus in-transit refrigeration.  The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.
(vi)Nepal	Free from: <i>Byturus tomentosus</i> (raspberry beetle)	Methyl Bromide fumigation @ 32 g/m <sup>3</sup> for 2hrs at 21°C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof. <b>OR</b> Pre-shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 13 days; 0.55°C or below for 14 days; 1.1°C or below for 18 days plus in-transit refrigeration.  The treatment should be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.

(v) Against serial number 271, relating to *Ranunculus spp.*(*Ranunculus*) in column (3) after the entry (ii) 'bulbs for propagation', and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (3), (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(iii) Tissue culture plants	(i) Italy	a) Certified that the tissue cultured plants were obtained from mother stock tested and maintained free from Impatiens necrotic spot virus (TSWV-1)	NIL

(vi) Against serial number 314, relating to *Vicia faba*(Broad bean) and *Vicia villosa* (Vetches) in column (3) against the entry (ii) 'Seeds/Grains for consumption', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Any Country' and after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Canada	Free from: a) <i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (Stem and bulb nematode) b) <i>Heterodera glycines</i> (Soybean cyst nematode)	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2.NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country

		of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.
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(vii) Against serial number 315, relating to *Vigna (Phaseolus) spp.* (Beans) in column (3) against the entry (ii) 'Seeds/Grains for consumption', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Any Country' and after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Canada	Free from: <i>Acanthoscelides obtectus</i> (Bean Bruchid)	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2. NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.

(viii) Against serial number 316, relating to *Vigna spp.* (cowpea) in column (3) against the entry (ii) 'Seeds/Grains for consumption', the existing entries in column (4) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Any Country' and after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Canada	Free from: <i>Bruchidium spp.</i> , <i>Stator spp.</i> (Bruchids)	1. Export consignment must comply with systems approach 2. NPPO India to monitor System Approach of Canada for shipments of pulse for the next 2-3 years. 3. Fumigation with phosphine @ 3 gms (3 tablets of 56% a.i) per tonne of grains for 7 days and the treatment shall be endorsed on Phytosanitary certificate issued at the country of origin. 4. Free from Quarantine weed seeds and soil.



(ix) Against serial number 382, relating to *Nigella sativa* seeds (black cumin), the existing entries in column (3) shall be numbered as item (i) 'Seeds for sowing', after item (i) as so re-numbered, and the entries relating thereto, in columns (3), (4), (5) and (6) the following item and entries shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) Seed for consumption/ Processing	Ethiopia	Free from: b) Quarantine weed seeds as listed under Schedule VIII of PQ Order, 2003. b) Soil and other plant debris.	NIL

(x) Against serial number 775, relating to *Chenopodium quinoa* (Quinoa) in column (3) against entry 'Grain/Seeds for consumption/processing', after item (ii) and the entries relating thereto in columns (4), (5) and (6) the following item and entries relating thereto shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(iii) Ecuador	Free from: c) Quarantine weed seeds as listed under Schedule VIII of PQ Order, 2003. b) Soil and other plant debris.	NIL

(xi) After serial number 779 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries thereto shall be inserted, namely:-

S.N o	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)
780	Larix Spp. (Larch)	Timber logs with/ without bark for consumption	Canada	Free from: a) <i>Monochamus scutellatus</i> <i>scutellatus</i> (whites potted sawyer) b) <i>Monochamus scutellatus</i> (whites potted sawyer) c) <i>Otiorhynchus singularis</i> (clay coloured weevil) d) <i>Lachnellula willkommii</i> (European larch canker) e) <i>Dendroctonus simplex</i> (eastern larch beetle) f) <i>Dryocoetes autographus</i> (bark beetle) g) <i>Monochamus scutellatus</i> <i>oregonensis</i> (Oregon fir sawyer) h) <i>Sirex juvencus</i> (steel-blue	Fumigation with methyl bromide at 48 g per cubic metre for 24 hrs at 21°C or above or equivalent thereof; OR  Heat Treatment at 56°C (core temperature) for 30 minutes.  The treatment should be endorsed on the

				wood wasp) i) <i>Gnathotirchus sulcatus</i> (western hemlock wood stainer) j) <i>Dendroctonus pseudotsugae</i> (douglas-fir beetle) k) <i>Orgyia leucostigma</i> (white-marked tussock moth) l) <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (pine wilt nematode) m) <i>Orgyia pseudotsugata</i> (douglas-fir tussock moth) n) <i>Trypodendron lineatum</i> (striped ambrosia beetle) o) <i>Ips grandicollis</i> (five-spined bark beetle)	Phytosanitary Certificate issued at the country of origin/re-export.
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3. Amendment of Schedule VII.- In the Schedule VII to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003:

After the existing serial numbers 299 and the entries relating thereto, respectively, the following entries shall be inserted namely:-

- "300. *Ceratonia siliqua*. – Carob dried pods/ seeds for consumption/ medicinal purpose  
301 *Sambucus niger* – Elder berry dried fruits for consumption/ medicinal purpose."

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(Ashwani Kumar)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2003, and subsequently amended vide number S.O.167(E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004, S.O. 427(E), dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, S.O. 644(E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004, S.O. 263(E), dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005, S.O. 462 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, S.O. 1121 (E), dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006, S.O. 1353 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006, S.O. 1873 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006, S.O. 2074 (E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006, S.O. 2069 (E), dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007, S.O. 3(E), dated 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2008, S.O. 2847 (E), dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, S.O. 2888 (E), dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, S.O. 2286 (E), dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, S.O. 2390 (E), dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, S.O. 3269 (E), dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009, S.O. 3298 (E), dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, S.O. 907 (E), dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, S.O. 2095(E), dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, S.O. 2284 (E), dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, S.O. 2516 (E), dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, S.O. 2711 (E) dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, S.O. 3052(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, S.O. 887 (E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, S.O. No. 2845 (E) dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, S.O. No.296

(E) dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 and S.O. 2775(E) 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 S.O.799(E) dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, S.O.1378(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, S.O.1531(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, S.O.2919(E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, S.O.1508(E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 and S.O. No.1632(E) dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, S.O. No.2320(E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, S.O. No.2542(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, S.O. No.2879(E) dated 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, S.O. No.3114(E) dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, S.O. No. 1413(E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, S.O. No. 2496(E) dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, S.O. No. 101(E) dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, S.O. No. 608(E) dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 S.O. No.1873(E) dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, S.O. No.2192(E) dated 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, S.O. No. 2248(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, S.O. No.2453(E) dated 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, S.O. No. 2614(E) dated 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, S.O. No. 264(E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 and S.O. No. 364(E) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017.

To

The Manager,  
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