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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India</p>
<p>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plant and plant Materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import Into India) order, 2003 and Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India)(Amendment) Order,2004 dated 6 February 2004</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partner countries, exporting Plant and Plant material to India.</p>
<p>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</p> <p>Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 (available in English and Hindi, 196 pages)</p> <p>Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India)(Amendment) Order,2004 dated 6 February 2004 (available in English/Hindi, 35 pages)</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The new Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 details the import requirement relating to import of plants and plant materials into India. This order, which is in line with the International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention, is a comprehensive Phytosanitary regulation and replaces the existing Phytosanitary regime of the Country, i.e. the Plant, Fruits and Seeds (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 1989 and other related erstwhile import regulations. The Plant Quarantine Order, 2003, which is based on Pest Risk Analysis, contains new terms and definitions and prescribes additional declarations in respect of a number of commodities.</p> <p>The order contains the following schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule I: Points of entry: airports (12); sea ports (34); land border stations (13)• Schedule II: Inland container depots and container freight stations (60)• Schedule III: Foreign post offices (11)• Schedule IV: Prohibited plant species• Schedule V: Restricted plant species permitted by authorised institutions.• Schedule VI: Restricted plant species permitted generally with additional declarations (74 commodities) (as amended)

- Schedule VII: Plants and plant material permitted with normal PSC (83 commodities) (as amended)
- Schedule VIII: Quarantine weed species (61)
- Schedule IX: Inspection/ treatment and other charges
- Schedule X: Permit issuing authorities
- Schedule XI: Inspection authorities for Post-entry Quarantine
- Schedule XII: Seed quantities permitted for trial purposes

Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India)(Amendment) Order, 2004 dated 6 February 2004, is an addendum to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, vide which some of the provisions of the latter Order have been relaxed and a number of new plant materials and plant species have been incorporated in the above Schedules, making import of the same into India possible. Being a modificatory order, the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India)(Amendment) Order,2004 dated 6 February 2004 may be read with the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003.

The detailed text of the provisions of the Order may be seen in the order, which is placed on the website <http://agricoop.nic.in>, or can be obtained from:

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7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests

8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:
[] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [X] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None
If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of International Plant Protection Convention. There are no substantive deviations from the ISPM.

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

10. Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 2004 for Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and 6 February 2004 for Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India)(Amendment) Order,2004 dated 6 February 2004

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2004 for Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and 6 February 2004 for Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India)(Amendment) Order,2004 dated 6 February 2004

12. Final date for comments: 30 April 2004

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National notification authority, National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Texts available from: National notification authority, National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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