

No. 8-28/2023-PP.II
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: the 24th May, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Notification to be made in the SPS committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fourth Amendment), Order, 2023 - reg.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the text of the draft notification (in WTO format) of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fourth Amendment), Order, 2023 proposing certain amendments to the phytosanitary conditions governing the import of fresh Avocado fruits (*Persea americana*) from Kenya 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 the WTO notification number allotted by the WTO Secretariat may please be intimated to this department. The text of the notification containing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fourth Amendment), Order, 2023 will be available at 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), DA&FW.


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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member of Agreement notifying : INDIA
2.	Agency responsible : DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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): Plants and Plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments. <i>Persea americana (Avocado)</i> from Kenya
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [] All trading partners [x] Specific regions or countries - Kenya
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (Fourth Amendment) 2023. Language – English Number of pages – 2
6.	Description of content : The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2023 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of <i>Persea americana</i> from Kenya.
7.	Objective and rationale : [] food safety, [] animal health, [x] plant protection [x] protect humans from animal/ plant pest or disease. [x] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant International standard ? if so, identify the standard: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [] World Organization for Animal Health, (OIE) [x] International Plant Protection Convention: 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. [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: ENGLISH; www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Yet to be decided Proposed date of publication: Yet to be decided</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force : This shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from the date of publication <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date of comments : Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification. Agency or authority designated to handle comments : <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail of the authority: Sh. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No.227 A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele : 91-11-.2338 8756 E-mail : jspp-dac@nic.in</p>
<p>13. Text available from : <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail of the authority:</p> <p>The details can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Sh. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No.227 A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele : 91-11-.2338 8756 E-mail : jspp-dac@nic.in</p>

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

Notification

New Delhi, the May, 2023

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) (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2023.
- (2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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

Against serial number 564, relating to "*Persea americana* (Avocado)" in column (3) against the entry (v) regarding "Fresh Fruit for Consumption", after the existing entries the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(V) Kenya	Free from: Insects/ Mites: a) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly), b) <i>Ceratitis cosyra</i> (Marula fruit fly), c) <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly), d) <i>Ceroplastes destructor</i> (White wax scale), e) <i>Cryptophlebia leucotreta</i> (False Codling Moth), f) <i>Pseudotheraptus wayi</i> (Coconut bug), g) <i>Selenaspidus articulatus</i> (West Indian red scale), h) <i>Spodoptera littoralis</i> (Cotton leafworm)	Methyl bromide fumigation @ 32 g/m ³ for 2 hrs at 21°C or above at NAP or equivalent thereof against Mediterranean fruit fly and Natal fruit fly Or Pre-shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.1°C or below for 12 days.

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(Ashish Kumar Srivastava)

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 18th November, 2003, and subsequently amended vide number S.O.167(E), dated 6th February 2004, S.O. 427(E), dated 29th March, 2004, S.O. 644(E), dated 31st May 2004, S.O. 263(E), dated 25th February 2005, S.O. 462 (E), dated 31st March 2005, S.O. 1121 (E), dated 14th July 2006, S.O. 1353 (E), dated 31st July 2006, S.O. 1873 (E), dated 31st October 2006, S.O. 2074 (E), dated 6th

December 2006, S.O. 2069 (E), dated 3rd December, 2007, S.O. 3(E), dated 1st January, 2008, S.O. 2847 (E), dated 8th December, 2008, S.O. 2888 (E), dated 15th December, 2008, S.O. 2286 (E), dated 9th September, 2009, S.O. 2390 (E), dated 16th September, 2009, S.O. 3269 (E), dated 23rd December, 2009, S.O. 3298 (E), dated 24th December, 2009, S.O. 907 (E), dated 21st April, 2010, S.O. 2095(E), dated 27th August, 2010, S.O. 2284 (E), dated 15th September, 2010, S.O. 2516 (E), dated 11th October, 2010, S.O. 2711 (E) dated 4th November, 2010, S.O. 3052(E) dated 28th December, 2010, S.O. 887 (E) dated 28th April, 2011, S.O. No. 2845 (E) dated 21st December, 2011, S.O. No.296 (E) dated 17th February, 2012, S.O. 2775(E) 23rd November, 2012 S.O.799(E) dated 21st March, 2013, S.O.1378(E) dated 28th May, 2013, S.O.1531(E) dated 14th June, 2013, S.O.2919(E) dated 26th September, 2013, S.O.1508(E) dated 13th June, 2014, S.O. No.1632(E) dated 27th June, 2014, S.O. No.2320(E) dated 12th September, 2014, S.O. No.2542(E) dated 29th September, 2014, S.O. No.2879(E) dated 11th November, 2014, S.O. No.3114(E) dated 10th December, 2014, S.O. No. 1413(E) dated 26th May, 2015, S.O. No. 2496(E) dated 15th September, 2015, S.O. No. 101(E) dated 13th January, 2016, S.O. No. 608(E) dated 7th March, 2016 S.O. No.1873(E) dated 25th May, 2016, S.O. No.2192(E) dated 20th June, 2016, S.O. No. 2248(E) dated 29th June, 2016, S.O. No.2453(E) dated 5th July, 2016, S.O. No.2614(E) dated 5th August, 2016 and S.O. No.264(E) dated 12th January, 2017, S.O. No. 364(E) dated 3rd February, 2017, S.O. 1344 (E) dated 27th April, 2017, S.O. 1475 (E) dated 8th May, 2017, S.O. 2019 (E) dated 21st June, 2017 and S.O. 2152 (E) dated 6th July, 2017 and S.O. No. 2752 (E) dated 23rd August, 2017, S.O. No. 3293(E) dated 6th October, 2017, S.O. No.3556(E) dated 7th November, 2017 and S.O. No. 4082(E) dated 27th December, 2017, S.O. No. 1248(E) dated 20th March, 2018, S.O. No. 1873(E) dated 10th May, 2018, S.O. No.1930 dated 15th May, 2018, S.O. No. 2059(E) dated 24th May, 2018, S.O. No. 2286(E) dated 4th June, 2018 and S.O. No. 3194(E) dated 29th June, 2018, S.O. No. 3392(E) dated 10th July, 2018, S.O. No. 3998(E) dated 16th August, 2018, S.O. No. 5158(E) dated 3rd October, 2018 and S.O. No. 5830(E) dated 22nd November, 2018 and S.O. No. 6224(E) dated 18th December, 2018, S.O. No.941(E) dated 19th February, 2019 and S.O. No. 1728(E) dated 6th May, 2019, S.O. No. 1817(E) dated 24th May, 2019, S.O. No.1954(E) dated 11.06.2019 and S.O. No 2525(E) dated 15.7.2019 and S.O. No.2603 dated 18.7.2019 and S.O. No. 3141(E) dated 29th August, 2019 S.O. No. 3594(E) dated 1st October, 2019, S.O. No. 3845(E) dated 24th October, 2019, S.O. No. 4083(E) dated 8th November, 2019 and S.O. No.4615 dated 21st December, 2019, S.O. No. 352(E) dated 24th January, 2020, S.O. No. 488(E) dated 31st January, 2020, S.O. No. 953(E) dated 2nd March, 2020 S.O. No. 1404(E) dated 27th April, 2020., S.O. No 2390 (E) dated 20th July, 2020, S.O. NO. 3646(E) dated 14th October, 2020 and S.O. NO. 4243(E) dated 17th November, 2020 and S.O. No.681(E) dated 10th February, 2021 and 1491(E) dated 07.04.2021 S.O.No.1491(E) dated 7th April, 2021, S.O. No.2511(E) dated 10th June, 2021, S.O. No.2512(E) dated 10th June, 2021 S.O. No.2512(E) dated 10th June, 2021 and S.O. No.4265(E) dated 13th October, 2021 and S.O. No.4870 dated 25th November, 2021, S.O. No.1885(E) dated 5th April, 2022, S.O.No.3456(E) dated 26th July, 2022 and S.O.No.3777(E) dated 3rd August, 2022. S.O.No.4551(E) dated 26th September, 2022, S.O.No.4871(E) dated 13th October, 2022, S.O.No.5167 (E) dated 28th October, 2023, S.O.No.5573 (E) dated 30th November, 2022, S.O.No.1801 (E) dated 21st April, 2023 and S.O.No.2153 (E) dated 10th May, 2023.

To The Manager,
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