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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>