

No.8-325/2019-PP.II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Dated, the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject :** Relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities- reg.

Reference is invited to Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare letter No. 8-65/2012-PP.II dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 and Office Memorandum No. 8-131/2016-PP.II dated 30.3.2017, 28.6.2017, 29.12.2017, 25.6.2018 and Office Memorandum of even number dated 1.7.2019 and 30.12.2019 regarding relaxation in fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities into India. The competent authority in the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, has decided to extend the relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities for which fumigation treatment with Methyl Bromide is stipulated in the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (PQ Order, 2003) till 31<sup>st</sup> December,2020, on the following conditions :-

- (i) The date of Bill of Lading in the country of export may be 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 or before;
- (ii) If fumigation treatment with Methyl Bromide is stipulated for that commodity in the PQ Order, 2003, it will be allowed without off shore Methyl Bromide fumigation from those countries, which certify discontinuance of this chemical for Phytosanitary measure;
- (iii) Additional fee in respect of those consignments will be charged, as prescribed in the PQ Order, 2003;
- (iv) The other conditions mentioned in the OM No. 8-65/2012-PP.II dated 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, will remain unchanged;
- (v) Non-compliance reported in the import of such plants and plant products consignments will be dealt as per the provisions of PQ Order, 2003.



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To

All concerned.

Copy to:

1. Plant Protection Advisor, Directorate of Plant protection, Quarantine & Storage, NH-IV, Faridabad, with the request to sensitize all stakeholders.
2. PPS to Secretary (DAC&FW)
3. PPS to JS (PP)/Director (PP)
4. Director (IT), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan with a request to upload the above OM in the website of the Ministry under the heading 'Documents' sub-head 'Circulars and Notification, 'Plant Protection'.