

No. 8-112/2020-PP.II
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, 19th June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 (Sixth Amendment) 2020.

The undersigned is directed to say that the competent authority in the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has approved the text of the draft notification in (WTO format) of the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 (Sixth Amendment) 2020 proposing certain amendments to the phytosanitary conditions governing the import of certain plants and plant materials into India.

2. The Department of Commerce (TPD Division) is requested that further necessary action to notify the same to the WTO Secretariat may be taken 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) Order, 2003 (Sixth Amendment) 2020 will be available at www.agricoop.nic.in under the Head 'Circulars and Notifications'–Plant Protection–WTO Notifications.

Encl: As above.



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Copy for information to:

1. Plant Protection Adviser, Directorate of PPQ&S, Faridabad enclosing herewith the text of the complete notification containing the draft notification in (WTO format) of the draft 'Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 (Sixth Amendment) 2020' with the request to arrange to provide the Hindi translation.
2. Joint Director (PP), Dte. of PPQ&S, Faridabad with a similar request.
3. Director (IT), IT Division, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, with the request to post the said draft notification as well as the WTO-SPS format on website www.agricoop.nic.in under the head 'Circulars and Notifications' – Plant Protection –'WTO Notifications' as 'Draft 'Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 (Sixth Amendment) 2020'.
4. Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce, Room No. 221, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. E-mail: us5tpd-doc@nic.in

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Member of Agreement notifying : INDIA |
| 2. | Agency responsible : DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & 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>Ilex paraguariensis (Yerba mate)</i> |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries - Argentina |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Sixth Amendment) Order, 2020. Language – English Number of pages – 2 |
| 6. | Description of content : The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Sixth Amendment) Order, 2020 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of <i>Ilex paraguariensis (Yerba mate)</i> under Schedule VI of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. This notification will further allow import of plants and plant materials into India. |
| 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. | Is there a relevant International standard ? if so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health, (OIE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention: |