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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

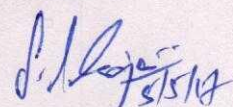
Subject : Delegation of powers under Clause 14 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 to relax the conditions of import permit and Phytosanitary certificate – reg.

In supersession of the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation's OM No. 8-5/2004-PP.I(pt.) dated 10th December, 2004, and with the approval of the Competent Authority the following directions are issued for according relaxation under the provisions of Clause 14 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. Henceforth, the proposals for relaxation of any of the conditions of the aforesaid Order relating to the import of consignments of plants and plant materials into India, as envisaged under the Clause 14 of the Order, shall be processed in the following manner:-

- (i) Officers Incharge of the Plant Quarantine Stations to relax the conditions of import permit and Phytosanitary certificate required as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, as a **one-time exception** in favour of single party after charging fee at **five times** of normal rate. However, Officers Incharge of Plant Quarantine Stations(PQS) have not been authorized to relax the conditions of PQ Order in respect of commodities not listed in PQ Order and commodities listed in Clause 4 of PQ order. Such cases are to be forwarded to JS(PP), DAC&FW through PPA.
- (ii) Plant Protection Adviser, DPPQ&S, Faridabad to relax the conditions of import permit and Phytosanitary certificate required as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, as a **second-time exception** in favour of single party after charging fee at **seven times** of normal rate. However, PPA does not have any power to relax the conditions of PQ Order in respect of commodities not listed in PQ Order and commodities listed in Clause 4 of PQ order. Such cases are to be forwarded to JS(PP), DAC&FW whenever received from Officers Incharge of PQS.

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- (iii) Third and subsequent cases of any party for relaxation of conditions of import permit and Phytosanitary certificate shall be sent to the DAC&FW for consideration of Joint Secretary(Plant Protection). JS(PP) may relax the conditions of import permit and Phytosanitary certificate required as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, on **third and subsequent occasions** in favour of single party after charging fee at **ten times** of normal rate for the **third time, fifteen times** of the normal rate for **fourth time, twenty times** of normal rate for **fifth time** and so on. However, PPA does not have any power to relax the conditions of PQ Order in respect of commodities not listed in PQ Order and commodities listed in Clause 4 of PQ order.



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1. Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. of PPQ&S, Faridabad with a request to circulate the above instructions to all concerned stakeholders/ Associations/ Plant Quarantine Officers etc and to publish the same on official website www.plantquarantineindia.org
2. Sr. Tech. Director, NIC, R.No.349, Krishi Bhawan, with the request to post the said draft order on website www.agricoop.nic.in under the head "Circulars and Notifications"- Plant Protection