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NOTICE

It is information to all concerned that India and Australia are in agreement on implementation of Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS) on fumigation standard with Methyl bromide developed by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Services (AQIS). Under the AFAS programme, AQIS has conducted trainings, assessment and certification of Pest Control Operators as well as of Plant Quarantine Officers. Four officers of this Directorate and four from the Pest Control Industry have been trained as Master Trainers. During the year 2006-07 master trainers have trained more than hundred Pest Control Operators which were assessed by the AQIS Consultant in India until May, 2007. Some of the Pest Control Operators have gone abroad for training and certification under AQIS Standard on Methyl bromide fumigation.

However, in view of the high level of training standard maintained by the Master trainers and outstanding performance of trained Pest Control Operators during assessments, the AQIS has passed on full responsibility of training and assessment under AFAS to the Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, w.e.f 31st August, 2007. Therefore, it is for information to all concerned that training and assessment under AFAS-India Programme will only be conducted by this Directorate for Indian Pest Control Operators.

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