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Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

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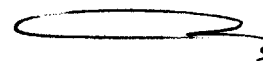
**Subject: -** Delegation of powers under Clause 14 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 to relax the conditions of import permit and phytosanitary certificate.

The undersigned, in his capacity as Joint Secretary in charge of Plant Protection in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and the Competent Authority for according relaxations under the provisions of Clause 14 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 hereby directs that proposals for relaxation of any of the conditions of the said 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:-

- (a) Applications for relaxation of the conditions of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 in respect of commodities already notified, after completion of their Pest Risk Analysis (PRA), in Schedule VI & VII may be disposed of by the Station in-Charge of the concerned Plant Quarantine Station at the port of entry of the said consignment. However, the grant of such relaxation will be subject to prior testing and inspection of the said consignment for freedom from quarantine pests/diseases, treatment as and when required/prescribed, and other conditions, such as payment of maximum level of requisite fees, as envisaged under Clause 14 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 as amended. Appeals against such orders of the Station in-Charge of the Plant Quarantine Station shall continue to rest with the Joint Secretary (PP), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

However, in cases where PRA for the commodity sought to be cleared has not been finalized and which has not yet been notified in any of the Schedules to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 as amended or in cases where the commodity being imported is listed under any Schedule other than Schedules VI & VII, relaxation under Clause 4 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 shall continue to be granted by the Joint Secretary (PP) in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation as per the existing practice and procedure.

The Station in-Charges of the Plant Quarantine Stations shall submit a monthly report of such relaxation cases alongwith names, quantum and other details of the commodities cleared, fee realized, etc. by the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the succeeding month to Joint Director (PQ), Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage who shall consolidate and submit a Station-wise report to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

  
(Ashish Bahuguna)  
Joint Secretary

1. Plant Protection Adviser, Dte of PPQ&S, NH-IV, Faridabad with request to circulate the above instructions to all Plant Quarantine Stations/Trade Associations and to publish them on the website [www.plantquarantineindia.org](http://www.plantquarantineindia.org)
2. Joint Director (Plant Quarantine), Dte of PPQ&S, NH-IV, Faridabad.
- ✓ 3. NIC with request to post this circular on the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation website.