

\_No.8-131/2016-PP.II  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare


Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject : Relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities – regarding.

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 of even number dated 30.3.2017, 28.6.2017, 29.12.2017, 25.6.2018 and 27.12.2018, regarding relaxation in fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities into India. The competent authority in the Ministry of Agriculture 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, 2019, on the following conditions :-

- (i) The date of Bill of Lading in the country of export may be 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 or before;
- (ii) If fumigation treatment with Methyl Bromide is stipulated for that commodity in the PQ Order, 2003, it will be allowed without offshore Methyl Bromide fumigation from those countries, which certify discontinuance of this chemical for Phytosanitary measure;
- (iii) Inspection fee in respect of those consignments will be charged, as prescribed in the PQ Order, 2003 (Chapter VI para 14(2));
- (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.

  
( S. R. Raja )

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To  
All concerned.

Copy to:

1. Plant Protection Adviser, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, NH-IV, Faridabad, with the request to sensitize all stakeholders.
2. PPS to Secretary (SAC&FW)
3. PPS to AS(VM)/ PPS to JS(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 Notifications,' 'Plant Protection'.

F.No. 8-65/2012-PP.II  
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Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2014

To  
The Plant Protection Adviser,  
Dte. of PPQ&S,  
Faridabad

Subject : Relaxation of fumigation regulations for import of agricultural commodities

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Directorate's letter no.99-1/2012/PQD-199 dated 16.10.2014 on the subject cited above and to say that the competent authority in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has decided that till such time that effective alternatives to Methyl Bromide are found and notified, import of all agricultural commodities for which treatment with Methyl Bromide fumigation is prescribed in Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 will be allowed without offshore methyl bromide fumigation from those countries only which certify the discontinuance of the chemical from Phytosanitary application.

Such consignments will be subjected to Methyl Bromide fumigation in India from approved treatment providers at the ports of entry and on payment of penal fees, provided all other conditions under the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 have been complied with. The Plant Quarantine authority at the port of entry will be authorized to grant relaxation from the condition of import with regard to Methyl Bromide fumigation in such cases without having to seek prior approval from the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage or Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. However, each such matter shall be subsequently referred to NPPO India for issuance of a notification of non-compliance to the country of export.

Yours faithfully,



( N.K. Sinha )

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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