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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Plant Protection Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated : 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject : Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding protocols for trial shipments for import of grains and pulses with in-transit and pre-shipment Phosphine fumigation –reg.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith the text of the two protocols for trial shipment for import of grains and pulses with in-transit/pre shipment phosphine fumigation from MBr phased out countries. These countries are also to be requested to submit relevant documents to establish phased out country status.

Entry into force: 27th April, 2022

**PROTOCOL FOR TRIAL SHIPMENT FOR IMPORT OF GRAINS AND PULSES**  
**WITH IN-TRANSIT PHOSPHINE FUMIGATION**

1. The exporting country should share the detailed protocol of In-transit Phosphine fumigation treatment on requested commodity against target pests along with bio efficacy data with NPPO India.
2. The efficacy data submitted by the NPPO of the exporting country will be evaluated by the expert committee and outcomes will be communicated with the exporting country for further necessary action.
3. 10 nos. of trial shipments will be allowed only from pre-determined point of entry.
4. Inspection & Treatment of the shipments, by the exporting country will be ensured as per import conditions finalised bilaterally, prior to export.
5. Importer should ensure the proper degassing in compliance with all safety instructions, removes all residues of fumigant and removes them from the place of unloading and from the port for safe disposal in accordance with local requirements.
6. Importer will submit a gas free certificate and a remnant clearance certificate from NPPO accredited fumigation agencies to the PQ office for every trial shipment exported to India prior presenting the shipment for PQ Inspection.
7. The Inspection & sampling at the point of entry will be done by the Plant Quarantine officials under supervision of the expert committee.
8. Detailed laboratory testing of representative samples will be done for Quarantine/Non-Quarantine pests.
9. If intercepted with Quarantine/Exotic pests, trial shipment will be declared un-successful and will be deported or destroyed.
10. If intercepted with Non-Quarantine pests trial shipment will be declared un-successful and will be released after treated with the available mitigation measures, if available else it will be deported/destroyed.
11. In case 1 or 2 out of 10 trial shipments are unsuccessful, the exporting country may provide evidence for corrective actions. If corrective actions are found satisfactory, the country may be allowed for 03 more trial shipments and all should be successful.
12. If more than 2 out of 10 trial shipments are unsuccessful. Phytosanitary conditions may be reviewed.
13. Once all trial shipments are successful, appropriate action will be taken as per PQ Order. 2003.

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**Protocol for trial shipment for import of grains and pulses with pre-shipment fumigation with Phosphine**

1. The exporting country should share the detailed protocol of pre-shipment treatment on requested commodity against target pests along with bio efficacy data with NPPO India.
2. The efficacy data submitted by the NPPO of the exporting country will be evaluated by the expert committee and outcomes will be communicated with the exporting country for further necessary action.
3. 10 nos. of trial shipments will be allowed only from pre-determined point of entry.
4. Inspection & Treatment of the shipments, by the exporting country as per import conditions finalised bilaterally, prior to export: & endorsement of treatment details in PSC at the port of export.
5. Inspection & sampling at the point of entry by the Plant Quarantine officials under supervision of the expert committee.
6. Detailed laboratory testing of representative samples for Quarantine/Non-Quarantine pests.
7. If intercepted with Quarantine/Exotic pests, trial shipment will be declared unsuccessful and will be deported or destroyed.
8. If intercepted with Non-Quarantine pests trial shipment will be declared unsuccessful and will be released after treated with the available mitigation measures, if available else it will be deported/destroyed.
9. In case 1 or 2 out of 10 trial shipments are unsuccessful, the exporting country may provide evidence for corrective actions. If corrective actions are found satisfactory, the country may be allowed for 03 more trial shipments and all should be successful.
10. If more than 2 out of 10 trial shipments are unsuccessful, Phytosanitary conditions may be reviewed.
11. Once all trial shipments are successful, regular trade may be allowed after notification and inclusion in PQ Order. 2003.

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