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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Plants and plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2015 Language(s): English Number of pages: 2
- 6. Description of content: The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2015 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of one item notified under Schedule VI. This notification will further allow import of plants and plant materials into India. The details can be seen on the website http://www.agricoop.nic.in.
- Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
 - [X] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)* The contents of this notification are based on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) conducted as per International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Numbers 2 and 11 of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of FAO.

[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** This draft notification is to be adopted on 7 November 2015.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*):

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 10 November 2015 (tentative)
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 4 November 2015

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

Website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz- <u>http://www.agricoop.nic.in</u> (Circulars and Notifications - Plant Protection - WTO Notifications - Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Fourth Amendment) Order, 2015) and <u>http://www.plantquarantineindia.org</u>; or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point: Ms Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110011, India. Tel/Fax: + (91 11) 2338 9714; E-mail: anita.puri@nic.in.