

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated : 30th 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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