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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 & Farmers Welfare - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, 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: Grains and pulses
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners The countries that have phased out Methyl Bromide, with a request to submit relevant documents to establish phased out country status. <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Protocols for in-transit and pre-shipment for import of grains and pulses. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/IND/22_3400_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: 1. Protocol for trial shipment for import of grains and pulses with in-transit phosphine fumigation; 2. Protocol for trial shipment for import of grains and pulses with pre-shipment fumigation with phosphine.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of FAO. <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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: http://www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications) (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Adopted (27 April 2022). Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 27 April 2022
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 April 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 June 2022 (tentative) Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Sh. Parmod Kumar Meherda, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 299 C, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110011, India. Tel: +(91 11) 2338 8756; E-mail: pk.meherda@nic.in
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The details can be seen in the website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India viz. http://www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications – and http://www.plantquarantineindia.nic.in Or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – Sh. Parmod Kumar Meherda, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No. 299 C, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110011, India. Tel: +(91 11) 2338 8756; E-mail: pk.meherda@nic.in

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.

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.
