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Draft notification on the Import of Pome fruits from the U.S.

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Fresh Deciduous Fruit

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Report Highlights:

On January 3, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (GOI) issued a draft notification proposing additional phytosanitary requirements for the import of pome fruits from various countries including the United States. The notification was sent to the WTO on January 26, 2012. The comment period ends on March 26, 2012.

General Information:

Introduction:

On January 3, 2012, the Plant Quarantine Organization of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India (GOI) published a draft notification proposing additional phytosanitary requirements for the import of pome fruits from various countries including the United States. The notification was sent to the WTO on January 26, 2012. The comment period ends on March 26, 2012.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not be viewed, under any circumstances, as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Details of Notification:

• **Type of Regulation**: Draft

• **Public Notice Date**: January 3, 2012

• Final Date of Comments: March 26, 2012

• **Proposed Date of Adoption**: This notification is to be adopted on March 31, 2012

• WTO Notification Date: January 26, 2012

Notification Text as published: The full text of this announcement can be accessed on the Ministry of Agriculture (<u>Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2012) and WTO (<u>Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2012) websites.</u></u>

Products Affected: Pome Fruits (Apple, Pear, Pyrus spp. and Qunice (Cydonia spp)) **Agency in Charge**: Plant Quarantine Organization of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.