NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** INDIA**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Ministry of Agriculture and 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):** *Persea americana* (avocado) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****]** **All trading partners** **[****X]** **Specific regions or countries:** South Africa |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (Sixteenth Amendment) 2023.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2[https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/IND/24\_00227\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/IND/24_00227_00_e.pdf%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Sixteenth Amendment) Order, 2023 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of *Persea americana* from South Africa. |
| **7.** | **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)*:** ISPM Numbers 2 and 11 of the 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:** www.agricoop.nic.in (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications) (available in English) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Yet to be decided.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Yet to be decided. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** This shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.**[****]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 11 March 2024**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:** Sh. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, Joint Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Room No. 227 A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110011, India. Tel: +(91 11) 2338 8756; E-mail: jspp-dac@nic.in |
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