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Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, Amendment dated October 12, 2004

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Agriculture recently posted on its website an amendment dated October 12, 2004, to its Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003, effective immediately. This amendment is likely to have ramifications on imports of several tissue cultured plants, planting seeds, and pecan nuts from the U.S. This amendment has not been notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a new amendment, dated October 12, 2004, to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Imports into India) Order 2003, which the Ministry of Agriculture recently posted on its website. This amendment is likely to have ramifications on imports of several tissue cultured plants, planting seeds, and Pecan nuts from the U.S. This amendment has not been notified to the WTO. However, an explanatory note to this amendment states, " Several member countries of WTO had submitted representations/suggestions regarding some of the provisions of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003. Government of India [has] considered these representations/suggestions and [has] accordingly decided to further amend the provisions of the aforesaid order so as to mitigate the difficulties of importers/exporters and facilitate international trade, to and from India, in plants and plant materials."

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

Type of Regulation: Final

Important Dates:

Publication Date: October 12, 2004
Effective Date: October 12, 2004

Products Affected: Tissue cultured plants, planting seeds, pecan nuts.

Agency in Charge: Ministry of Agriculture

Proposed Change:

This amendment contains additional declarations and special conditions to Schedule VI (lists of plants/plant materials permitted import with additional declarations and special conditions) pertaining to several tissue cultured plants, planting seeds, and several fruits and nuts for consumption from various countries (including pecan nuts from the U.S.).

For details see: <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/Amended12thOct2004.pdf> and <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/circular12-10-2004.pdf>

For more information about the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003, see: <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/gazette.htm>

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