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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Agriculture recently posted on its website the fourth amendment, dated September 9, 2004, to its Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003, effective immediately. This amendment is likely to have negative ramifications on imports of several U.S. agricultural products into India, particularly fresh fruits for consumption, and it has not been notified to the WTO.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes the fourth amendment, dated September 9, 2004, to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Imports into India) Order 2003. This amendment has not been notified to the WTO.

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: September 9, 2004
Effective Date: September 9, 2004

Products Affected: Citrus spp (fresh fruits for consumption), grapes (fresh fruits for consumption), Pome fruits (fresh fruits for consumption), Stone fruits (fresh fruits for consumption), seeds/planning materials of several flowers, vegetables, and wood of various species.

Agency in Charge: Ministry of Agriculture

Proposed Change:

This amendment contains several changes, including the deletion and addition of pests and/or new additional declarations and special conditions in Schedule V (lists of plants and plant materials restricted import only by authorized institutions with additional declarations and special conditions) and Schedule VI (lists of plants/plant materials permitted import with additional declarations and special conditions). These changes are likely to have negative ramifications on Indian imports of several agricultural products from the United States.

For imports for consumption of various fruits (citrus, grapes, pome, and stone) from the United States, additional declarations or special conditions have been imposed for, among others, *Anastrepha fraterculus* (South American fruit fly), *A. ludens* (Mexican fruit fly), *Ceratitis capitata* (Mediterranean fruit fly), *Rhagoletis* spp (Cherry fruit flies), and *Rhagoletis pomonella* (Apple maggot).

For details see: <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/Amended%209th%20Sep2004.pdf>

Examples:

- 1) New special conditions for imports of fresh fruits for consumption from USA.
 - **Citrus:** Declare pest-free status on phytosanitary certificate per international standards, or Methyl Bromide fumigation, or pre-shipment cold treatment plus in-transit refrigeration for select pests.
 - **Grapes:** Declare pest-free status on phytosanitary certificate per international standards, or Methyl Bromide fumigation, or pre-shipment cold treatment plus in-transit refrigeration for select pests.
 - **Pome fruit (Apple/Pear etc):** Declare pest-free status on phytosanitary certificate per international standards, or pre-shipment cold treatment plus in-transit refrigeration for select pests.
- 2) New special conditions for imports of stone fruits (fresh fruit for consumption, such as plums, peach, cherry, etc.) from all origins: Declare pest-free status on phytosanitary

certificate per international standards, or pre-shipment cold treatment plus in-transit refrigeration for select pests.

3) Added various types of wood spp. that are permitted for import from the USA along with additional declarations and special conditions. These wood species are:

- Alder (wood with bark)
- Birch (wood with bark)
- Cherry (wood with bark)
- Walnut (wood with bark)
- Douglas Fir (wood without bark)
- Fir wood (wood without bark)
- Spruce (wood without bark)

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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