

INDIA PULSES AND GRAINS ASSOCIATION

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CIRCULAR REGARDING METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Patrons,

As we all are aware, the interim fumigation arrangement with five times penalty had expired on December 31st, 2014. As per an Order passed by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture a permanent solution which will hold good till an alternative is found for Methyl Bromide has been achieved and no extensions will have to be sought in the future.

As per Order F. No. 8-65/2012-PP II dated 30th October, 2014, "till such time that effective alternatives to Methyl Bromide are found and notified, import of all agricultural commodities for which treatment with Methyl Bromide fumigation is prescribed in Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003 will be allowed without offshore methyl bromide fumigation from those countries only which certify the discontinuance of the chemical from Phytosanitary application."

The Order further states, "Such consignments will be subjected to Methyl Bromide fumigation in India from approved treatment providers at the ports of entry and on payment of penal fees, provided all other conditions under Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003 have been complied with."

Please note that all importers need to take the following steps IMMEDIATELY:

1. For countries where Methyl Bromide fumigation is banned: *Please arrange for a letter from the NPPO of the origin country certifying that MBR fumigation is banned in their country.*
2. For countries where Methyl Bromide fumigation is not possible due to extreme cold weather conditions: *Please arrange for a letter from the NPPO of the origin country certifying that MBR fumigation is not possible in the specific months (state which month to which month) when the weather is extremely cold.*

Once this is done, it will be possible for the Plant & Quarantine office to issue an advisory allowing MBR fumigation at port of arrival at five times penalty and stocks will not get held at port.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LETTER HAS TO BE ISSUED BY THE NPPO OR RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. A LETTER FROM THE EXPORTER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE PLANT & QUARANTINE OFFICE IN INDIA.

Regards

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