NOTIFICATION

1. **Member to Agreement notifying:** INDIA
   
   If applicable, name of local government involved:

2. **Agency responsible:** Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, 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):** Plants and plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments.

4. **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** All trading partner countries, exporting almonds and pine lumber to India.

5. **Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:** Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2006 (Available in English and Hindi, 2 pages)

6. **Description of content:** The proposed notification i.e. Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2006 to permit alternative quarantine treatment for import of almonds and pine wood (pine lumber) into India thereby according an additional operational treatment for import of the above two commodities. Thus the proposed notification is a trade liberalizing modification of the provisions of Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003.

   The details of the notification can be obtained from the website [www.plantquarantineindia.org](http://www.plantquarantineindia.org) or from the National Enquiry Point – Mr Amand Shah, Director, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110011, India. Tel: 91-11-23389441; Fax: 91-11-23384468

7. **Objective and rationale:** [ X ] 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. **International standard, guideline or recommendation:**
   
   [ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), [ X ] International Plant Protection Convention, [ ] None

   If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The contents of this notification are in consonance with the International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of FAO and are based on applicator’s manual of treatments.

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