

**Minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Basu, Additional Secretary, Government of India, DoAC at 12.00 Noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008.**

The 127<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EXIM Committee for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials was held at 12.00 Noon on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Basu, Additional Secretary, DoAC and the meeting was attended by officers from Horticulture Division, PP Division of DAC, ICAR and other organizations. The list of participants is annexed as Annexure-I.

The Chairman of the committee noted that the members of the EXIM Committee are not present in the meeting except Horticulture Commissioner inspite of notice issued in time for which the Chairman expressed his displeasure. Therefore, the Chairman, EXIM committee desired that the members of the EXIM committee should invariably attend the meeting in future. He desired that Seeds Division may bring this to the notice of all concerned members.

Item No.1: Action Taken Report of 126<sup>th</sup> EXIM Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

The committee noted the action taken report of the 126<sup>th</sup> EXIM committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

Item No.2: Proposal for export of 50 MT onion seeds C.V. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Ambika Seed Company, 3 Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

The committee recommended the export of 50 MT onion seeds C.V. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Ambika Seed Company, 3 Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.3: Proposal for export of 20 M.T. onion seed C.V. Nasik Red (N-53) to Pakistan by M/s. India Seed House, 4173, Chowk Arya Pura, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

The committee recommended the export of 20 M.T. onion seed C.V. Nasik Red (N-53) to Pakistan by M/s. India Seed House, 4173, Chowk Arya Pura, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

Item No.4: Proposal for export of 80 M.T. Onion seed c.v. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Ganga Seeds Corporation, 136, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

The committee recommended the export of 80 M.T. Onion seed c.v. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Ganga Seeds Corporation, 136, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

Item No.5: Proposal for export of 18 M.T. onion seed c.v. Bombay Red to Netherlands by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431203.

The committee recommended the export of 18 M.T. onion seed c.v. Bombay Red to Netherlands by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431203.

Item No.6: Proposal for export of 10 M.T. onion seed c.v. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

The committee recommended the export of 10 M.T. onion seed c.v. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

Item No.7: Proposal for export of 14 M.T. onion seeds c.v. Bombay Red to Netherlands by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

The committee recommended the export of 14 M.T. onion seeds c.v. Bombay Red to Netherlands by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

Item No.8: Proposal for export of total 15 M.T. onion seeds c.v. Orient (10 MT) and Red Passion (5 MT) to Netherlands by M/s. Bejo Sheetal Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bejo Sheetal Corner, Mantha Road, Jalna-431 203.

The committee recommended the export of total 15 M.T. onion seeds c.v. Orient (10 MT) and Red Passion (5 MT) to Netherlands by M/s. Bejo Sheetal Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bejo Sheetal Corner, Mantha Road, Jalna-431 203.

Item No.9: Proposal for export of total 4 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red (2 MT), Classic Red (1 MT) and Light Red (1 MT) to Yemen by M/s. Bio Resources, 15-7-154/1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Above H.P. Gas Distribution, Begum Bazar, Hyderabad-500 012.

The committee recommended the export of total 4 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red (2 MT), Classic Red (1 MT) and Light Red (1 MT) to Yemen by M/s. Bio Resources, 15-7-154/1, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Above H.P. Gas Distribution, Begum Bazar, Hyderabad-500 012.

Item No.10: Proposal for export of 20 M.T. onion seeds c.v. N-53 to Peshawar Pakistan by M/s. Farmer Vegetable Seeds Company, 4650, Roshanara Road, Delhi -110007.

The committee recommended the export of 20 M.T. onion seeds c.v. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Farmer Vegetable Seeds Company, 4650, Roshanara Road, Delhi -110007.

Item No.11: Proposal for export of 20 M.T. onion seeds c.v. N-53 to Sindh Pakistan by M/s. Farmer Vegetable Seeds Company, 4650, Roshanara Road, Delhi -110007.

The committee recommended the export of 20 M.T. onion seeds c.v. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Farmer Vegetable Seeds Company, 4650, Roshanara Road, Delhi -110007.

Item No.12: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Green Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 90 Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.13: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Farmer Vegetable Seeds Company, 4650/1, Roshanara Road, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.14: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Aggarwal Seed Store, 13, Old Subzi Mandi, Jalandhar-144 008 (Punjab)

Item No.15: Proposal for import of 1000 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hitech Seed India Pvt. Ltd., C-1/1015, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070.

Item No.16: Proposal for import of 440 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Crystal Crop Science Ltd., 41, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delh-110 007.

Item No.17: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Royal Seed Corporation, 92 Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.18: Proposal for import of 550 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Moonsoon Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 133, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.19: Proposal for import of 550 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Enem Agencies Pvt. Ltd., 40 Sharda Niketan, Pitampura, Delhi-110 034.

Item No.20: Proposal for import of 600 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ambika Seed Company, Shop No.3, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.

Item No.21: Proposal for import of 550 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ajanta Seeds Corporation, 127, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.22: Proposal for import of 440 MT Berseem s seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. MSN Agro Seeds Pvt. Ltd., UG-7, Lusa Tower, Comm. Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110007.

Item No.30: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Berseem s seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. India Seed House, 4173, Chowk Arya Pura, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

Item No.31: Proposal for import of 200 MT Berseem seed (Trifolium alexandrinum) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Swami Seed Agencies, 12 Ram Dwara Mandir, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110 007.

The Committee noted that out of 40 proposals 13 proposals were for import of Berseem seed alone. The total quantity proposed to be imported for Berseem seed was 6310.00 MT, which in the opinion of the committee was inordinately large. In absence of the authentic data about the requirement and availability of Berseem seed, it was decided to limit the quantity and allow to import **50 MT** by each company indicated above. The representative of NBPGR informed that in their analysis of imported Berseem seed cultivar Mescavi Weed risk was detected. Therefore, the committee decided that the Plant Protection Adviser be asked to take necessary action in accordance with the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein in case of such imports.

The import of 50 MT Berseed C.V. Mescavi by each company mentioned above, will be further subject to the following conditions.

- i. The seed inspectors notified under Section 13 of the Seeds Act, 1966 are required to be informed by the company concerned about their import for making necessary arrangements to draw the sample for testing and the testing reports are to be made available to Seed Division for onward submission to IARI/PP Division of DAC so as to ascertain the interception of the exotic material along with the import.
- ii. Submitting certificate from the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in the country of origin certifying disease free field inspection report;
- iii. Furnishing morphological characteristics and features of the imported variety obtained from the competent authority of the country of origin for matching with the Indian cultivar;
- iv. Furnishing Orange certificate by ISTA Accredited Laboratory.
- v. Depositing seed sample of 500 gms. in Gene bank of NBPGR through representative of PPA for accession and future reference;
- vi. Comply the provision of Seed Act, 1966 (Section 17 of the Seed Act, 1966)
- vii. Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

Item No.23: Proposal for import of 75000 Nos. Oil Palm sprout c.v. Tenera Hybrid from Thailand by M/s. Food Fats & Fertilizer Limited, Door No.6-3-596/2, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Rock dale, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.

The committee recommended the import of 75000 Nos. Oil Palm sprout c.v. Tenera Hybrid from Thailand by M/s. Food Fats & Fertilizer Limited, Door No.6-3-596/2, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Rock dale, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein. The committee further advised that the Plant Quarantine officials physically should ensure and satisfy themselves about the availability of PEQ facility before granting the import permit.

Item No.24: Proposal for import of 2,50,000 Nos. Oil Palm sprouts c.v. D X P Tenera ASD Costa Rica from Costa Rica COTA SANJOSE by M/s. Palmetech India Limited, 428/1, Upstairs, Opp. Judges Quarters, Vishwa Manava double road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore-570 023 (Karnataka).

The committee recommended the import of 2,50,000 Nos. Oil Palm sprouts c.v. D X P Tenera ASD Costa Rica from Costa Rica COTA SANJOSE by M/s. Palmetech India Limited, 428/1, Upstairs, Opp. Judges Quarters, Vishwa Manava double road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore-570 023 (Karnataka), subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein. The committee further advised that the Plant Quarantine officials physically should ensure and satisfy themselves about the availability of PEQ facility before granting the import.

Item No.25: Proposal for import of total 2000 MT Sunflower hybrid seed S-278 and S-275 - 1000 MT each from France by M/s. Syngenta India Limited, 1170/27, Revenue Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-411 005.

The committee noted about the cultivar in question tested during Rabi, 2004-05 by the ICAR multi-locational trials under New Policy on Seed Development Scheme. It is also further noted that 97<sup>th</sup> EXIM committee meeting held in the month of October, 2005 recommended to import 200 MT by the company. The application did not clearly specify whether any imports were made as for the 2005 EXIM Committee decision and the reason for not complying with the two years time taken provision in the policy. Further, the account of 2000 MT for import after a lapse of three year also needed to be properly justified/explained. The committee decided that the above clarification be provided to the committee during the next meeting. Accordingly, the above proposal was deferred.

Item No.26: Proposal for import of total 210 kgs. Sunflower seeds c.v. (as per list enclosed) from Thailand by M/s. Syngenta India Limited, 1170/27, Revenue Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-411 005.

The committee recommended the import of total 210 kgs. Sunflower seeds c.v. (as per list enclosed) from Thailand by M/s. Syngenta India Limited,

1170/27, Revenue Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-411 005, subject to tallying the variety-wise, quantity-wise figures limited to 210 kgs. which including all the varieties. This import is further subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

Item No.27: Proposal for import of 3 MT Sweet Corn seed c.v. No. 60 F1 from Thailand by M/s. Vibha Agrotech Limited, 501, Subham Shrisampada, Raj Bhawan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad.

The committee recommended the import of 3 MT Sweet Corn seed c.v. No. 60 F1 from Thailand by M/s. Vibha Agrotech Limited, 501, Subham Shrisampada, Raj Bhawan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

Item No.28: Proposal for import of total 600 lb Grass seeds c.v. i. Panama coated, ii. Barguste uncoated, iii. Baharma, iv. Pantess, v. Barvado, vi. St. Augurtine – 100 lbs. each from USA by M/s. Peak Traders, 104/63, Silver OAKs APTs, DLF Phase-1, Gurgaon-122 002.

The committee deferred the import of total 600 lb Grass seeds c.v. i. Panama coated, ii. Barguste uncoated, iii. Baharma, iv. Pantess, v. Barvado, vi. St. Augurtine – 100 lbs. each from USA by M/s. Peak Traders, 104/63, Silver OAKs APTs, DLF Phase-1, Gurgaon-122 002, for want of PRA and recommendation from NDMC.

Item No.29: Proposal for import of 800 kgs. Sunflower seeds c.v. INAGRI 104 from France by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2, Old MIDC Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

The committee recommended the import of **10 kgs. only** Sunflower seeds c.v. INAGRI 104 from France by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2, Old MIDC Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203 for multi-locational trials by ICAR(4kg) and simultaneous agronomic trial by the importer(6kg.) as per the New Policy on Seed Development, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.32: Import of total 6,00,000 Nos. Strawberry Rooted cuttings c.v. Sweet Charlie – 4,00,000 Nos, Camarsova – 1,00,000 Nos and Winterdown – 1,00,000 Nos. from USA and Argentina by M/s. Harticon Foundation, 1205/4, Alankar, Shivajinagar, Pune-4 – Request made by the company for change from Strawberry Rooted cuttings to Strawberry plants and subsequent amendment in the recommendation issued vide letter No.1-11/2007-SD.IV (EXIM 121<sup>st</sup>-11) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007 for import of Strawberry Rooted cuttings–reg.

The committee rejected the request of the company, made vide their letter No. nil dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 for import of Strawberry plants as it is prone to exotic disease. The Horticulture Commissioner advised that Strawberry Rooted cutting import should not be allowed as this would act as a pathway to exotic

disease. He recommends that only tissue culture strawberry plants may be permitted. The committee decided that this be brought to the notice of the Plant Protection Adviser.

Item No.33: Import of 1,50,000 Nos. Oil Palm sprouts c.v. Tenera Hybrid from Thailand by M/s. Godrej Agrovet Limited, Oil Palm Plantation Division, M.S. Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Kali Ambarai, Tal & District Belgium, Karnataka – Request made by the company for amendments in the recommendation issued vide letter No.1-3/2008-SD.IV (EXIM 125<sup>th</sup> -15) dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 for change of source from Thailand to Costa Rica –reg.

The committee agreed to amend the recommendation issued vide letter No.1-3/2008-SD.IV (EXIM 125<sup>th</sup> -15) dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 for import 1,50,000 Nos. Oil Palm sprouts c.v. Tenera Hybrid from Thailand to Costa Rica by M/s. Godrej Agrovet Limited, Oil Palm Plantation Division, M.S. Complex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Kali Ambarai, Tal & District Belgium, Karnataka, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.34: Permission for import of grafted wine grape varieties from National Technical Institute for Improvement of Grape Growing (ENTAV), Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of France Government under collaboration trial to evaluate French wine grape varieties and rootstocks under Indian soil and climatic conditions by NRC on Grapes(ICAR), Pune.

The committee deferred the want of quantity wise, variety wise details and the particulars about the availability of PEQ facility etc. Besides, the committee noted that the proposal in question has not been submitted in the prescribed proforma.

Item No.35: Proposal for import of total 175 MT Baby Corn seeds .c.v. G-5414 (100 MT) and G-5406 (75 MT) from Thailand by M/s. Syngenta India Limited, 1170/27, Revenue Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005.

The committee recommended the import of total 175 MT Baby Corn seeds .c.v. G-5414 (100 MT) and G-5406 (75 MT) from Thailand by M/s. Syngenta India Limited, 1170/27, Revenue Colony, Shivajinagar, Pune-411005, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.36: Proposal for import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V21, V22, V23 and V53 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003.

The committee recommended the import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V21, V22, V23 and V53 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road,

Secunderabad-500003, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.37: Proposal for import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V104, V105, V106 and V152 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003.

The committee recommended the import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V104, V105, V106 and V152 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.38: Proposal for import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V24, V25, V26 and V54 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003.

The committee recommended the import of total 40 kgs Sunflower seed c.v. V24, V25, V26 and V54 @ 10 kgs each variety from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, 203-205, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.39: Proposal for export of total 3,500 kgs onion seed C.V. Yellow Granex PRR (2500 kgs) and Safal 555 (1,000 Kgs) to California 95991, USA by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

The committee recommended the export of total 3,500 kgs onion seed C.V. Yellow Granex PRR (2500 kgs) and Safal 555 (1,000 Kgs) to California 95991, USA by M/s. Safal Seeds & Biotech Limited, A-2 Old MIDC, Post Box 39, Jalna-431 203.

Item No.40: Proposal for export of 29 MT onion seed C.V. Bombay Red to Longiano (FO), Italy by M/s. Malav Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 5, Sahu Bavdi, Manek Chowk, Ratlam, MP-457 001.

The committee recommended the export of 29 MT onion seed C.V. Bombay Red to Longiano (FO), Italy by M/s. Malav Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 5, Sahu Bavdi, Manek Chowk, Ratlam, MP, Pin-457 001.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.