

Minutes of the 131st EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held on 4th November, 2008 at 3.30 p.m. under the Chairmanship of Shri G.C.Pati, Additional Secretary, Government of India.

The 131st meeting of the EXIM Committee for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials was held at 3.30pm on 4th November, 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri G.C. Pati, Additional Secretary, Government of India and the meeting was attended by officers from Seeds Divisions, Horticulture Division, PP Division of DAC, ICAR and other organizations. The list of participants is at Annexure-I.

Item No.1: Action Taken Report on the decision of 130th EXIM Committee Meeting held on 23 September, 2008.

The Committee noted that the recommendation letters and proceedings of the 130th EXIM Committee meeting were issued to all the concerned on 6th October, 2008 and the same have also been uploaded on the website of the Government of India for the use of public.

IA. Follow up action of Export proposals :

Following proposals were deferred by the 130th EXIM Committee meeting for want of copy of Dealers licence issued under Section-3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

Proposals for export of Onion seeds:

- S.No.1. Proposal for export of 700 Kgs onion seeds C.V. Juni to Bangladesh by M/s. Nunhems India Pvt. Ltd, 10-1-127/1, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028 (AP).**
- S.No.2. Proposal for export of 200 Kgs onion seeds C.V. Juni to Philippines by M/s. Nunhems India Pvt. Ltd, 10-1-127/1, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028 (AP).**
- S.No.3. Proposal for export of 6 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red to Srilanka by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Private Limited, Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500 009.**
- S.No.4. Proposal for export of 10 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red to Yemen by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Private Limited, Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500 009.**
- S.No.5. Proposal for export of 10 M.T. onion seeds C.V. N-53 to Pakistan by M/s. Advanta India Limited # 203-205, Bhuvana Towers, S.D. Road, Secunderabad-500 003.**
- S.No.6. Proposal for export of 100 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Nasik Red to Bangladesh by M/s. L&B Creation, 8 Abanidera Nath Thakur Sarani, Camac Street B-19, Shanti Niketan Building, Kolkatta - 700017, West Bengal.**
- S.No.7. Proposal for export of total 50 M.T. onion seeds C.V. Royal Selection (45 MT), Gul Mohar (5 MT) to Pakistan by M/s. Seminis Vegetables Seeds (India) Pvt. Ltd. 24, Chitegaon, Paithan Road, Aurangabad-431105.**

The committee noted that copy of the Seed Dealer licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 has been submitted by the above said companies, therefore, the Committee recommended for export of onion seed except the Companies listed at Sl. No.3 & 4 for which recommendation for export of onion will be issued after receipt of the copy of the Seed Dealers Licence issued under Section-3 of the Seeds (Control) order, 1983.

IIA. Follow up action – Import proposals

Proposals for import of Grapevine Rootstocks/grafted planting material -

- S.No.1. Proposal for import of total 4811 Nos. Grapevine Rootstocks C.V. (20 varieties – Annexure-A) from France by M/s. Champagne Vineyards Limited, AT & Post Yedgaon, Narayangaon, Taluka Junnar, Dist. Pune-410 504 (MS).**
- S.No.2. Proposal for import of 6670 Nos. Vine grafted planting material C.V. (14 varieties - Annexure-B) – list enclosed) from Italy by M/s. Gargi Agriculture Research & Training Institute, 47, Gargi Pradhan Park, College Road, Nashik-422 005 (MS).**
- S.No.3. Proposal for import of total 4500 Nos. Grape budwood cuttings C.V. Cabernet Sauvignon 126 – 2500 Nos. and Sauvignon Blanc H5V10 – 2000 Nos. from Australia by M/s. The Brihan Maharashtra Sugar Syndicate Limited, Gut No.1071/1, Village Velapur, Tal. Malshiras District Sholapur.**
- S.No.4. Proposal for import of total 1,31,000 Nos. Grape vine grafted plants C.V. Sangiovese – 40000 Nos. Meqlot – 20,000 Nos., Cabernet RAC – 30,000 Nos., Pinot Noir – 9000 Nos., Charonnay – 12000 Nos., Mullerthurgau – 10,000 Nos. and Sauvignon Blanc – 10,000 Nos. from Paris by M/s. The Shankarratna Agro Farms Pvt. Ltd., At P.O. Shankarnagar- Akluj, Tal- Malshiras, Distt. Solapur.**
- S.No.5. Proposal for import total 5,44,600 Nos. Grapes Vine Grafted Plants C.V. Cabernet Sauvignon-1,45,000 Nos., Merlot – 5000 Nos., Cabernet Franc – 1,00,000 Nos., Marselan – 6600 Nos., Carignan – 1100 Nos., Tempranillo – 93,470 Nos., Petit Verdot- 5,100 Nos., Viognier – 40,800 Nos., Gewurztraminer – 42,000 Nos., Mourvedre – 22,750 Nos., Caladoc – 9600 Nos., Verdejo – 71,200 Nos. and Cinsaut – 1980 Nos. from France by M/s. Champagne Vineyards Limited, At & Post Yedgaon, Narayangaon, Taluka Junnar, Distt. Pune-410 504 (MS).**

The Committee deferred the above proposals for want of a copy of Seed Dealer licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and also advised the importers to consider import of tissue culture plants in place of root stoks and grafted planting material of grapevine.

The Committee noted that the companies in question have submitted the required copy of the Seed Dealers Licence issued under Section-3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983. With regards to the issue of permitting the import of tissue culture plants in place of root stock and grafted planting materials, Committee noted that the letter no. D.o.No.2(29)/IC/08-09 dated 3.11.2008 of Director, National Research Centre for Grapes, in which it has been stated that all over the world, the scion grape varieties are grafted

phylloxera and nematode resistant/tolerant rootstocks. This technique of grafting scion varieties on rootstock came only to take care of those two important pests in grapes. Further the rooted grape grafts are made in the certified nurseries and supplied for plantation all over the world. This method is preferred over the bud sticks which take more time for success in in-situ plantation and recommended to permit for import of rooted grape grafts subject to submission of one set of planting material to NRC for Grapes for his observation.

Taking into consideration of the above, Committee recommended to import root grafts, bud wood cuttings, plants by the above said five Companies, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

Proposals for import of Strawberry plants:

S.No.6: Proposal for import of total 6,50,000 Nos. Strawberry plants C.V. Festival (4,00,000 Nos.), Camarosa (2,00,000 Nos.), Aroma (10,000 Nos.), Diamante (10,000 Nos.), Albion (20,000 Nos.) and 794-16 (10,000 Nos.) from California Palific Plant Exports, INC, USA by M/s. Zopar, G-15, Chanmari, Aizawl-796007.

The above proposal has been deferred for want of a copy of Seed Dealers licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983. Further, the Committee was of the view that the party may consider for import of Tissue culture Strawberry plants in place of Strawberry plants.

The Committee discussed about permitting the Strawberry plants in place of the tissue culture plants with Plant Quarantine Officials for which the official informed that there is a sufficient provision to import tissue culture plants as well as Strawberry plants. In the meeting it was also informed that tissue culture plants are not suitable for cultivation in Maharashtra climate and the mortality rate of the tissue culture plants are also higher while importing the plants.

Taking into consideration to the above the Committee recommended to import total 6,50,000 Nos. Strawberry plants C.V. Festival (4,00,000 Nos.), Camarosa (2,00,000 Nos.), Aroma (10,000 Nos.), Diamante (10,000 Nos.), Albion (20,000 Nos.) and 794-16 (10,000 Nos.) from California Palific Plant Exports, INC, USA by M/s. Zopar, G-15, Chanmari, Aizawl-796007, in a staggered manner of 50,000Nos. of each consignment, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

S.No.7: Proposal for import of 38200 Nos. Strawberry plants (FRIGARIA Spp.) c.v. NF-137 from New Fruits, Egidio, 2970-47023, Cesena, Italy by M/s. Dev Bhumi Cold Chain Private Ltd., Indraprastha Bhawan, 17 & 18 Azadpur, New Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110033.

The above proposal has been deferred for want of a copy of Seed Dealers licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983. Further, the Committee was of the view that the party may consider for import of Tissue culture Strawberry plants in place of Strawberry plants.

The Committee discussed about permitting the Strawberry plants in place of the tissue culture plants with Plant Quarantine Officials for which the official informed that there is a sufficient provision to import tissue culture plants as well as Strawberry plants. In the meeting it was also informed that tissue culture plants are not suitable for

cultivation in Indian conditions and the mortality rate of the tissue culture plants are also higher while importing the plants.

Taking into consideration to the above the Committee recommended to import of 38200 Nos. Strawberry plants(FRIGARIA Spp.) c.v. NF-137 from New Fruits, Egidio, 2970-47023, Cesena, Italy by M/s. Dev Bhumi Cold Chain Private Ltd., Indraprastha Bhawan, 17 & 18 Azadpur, New Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110033, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein and **further, subject to submission of the copy of the Seed Dealer Licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.**

Proposals for import of Oil Palm Sprouts:

S.No.8: Proposal for import of 2,00,000 Nos. Oil Palm Sprouts C.V. Tenera Hybrid from Costa Rica by M/s. Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd., 12-3-5, Plot No.18, Madhuranagar Colony, Srikakulam-532001 (AP).

The Committee deferred the above proposal for want of a copy of Seed Dealer licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

The Committee noted that the company in question has submitted the required copy of the Seeds Dealer Licence, therefore, the Committee recommended to import of 2,00,000 Nos. Oil Palm Sprouts C.V. Tenera Hybrid from Costa Rica by M/s. Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd., 12-3-5, Plot No.18, Madhuranagar Colony, Srikakulam-532001 (AP), subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein.

S.No.9: Proposal for import of 1,00,000 Nos Oil Palm C.V. Tenera Hybrid Sprouts from Costa Rica, America by M/s. Bhadravathi Balaji Oil Palms Ltd., B.H. Road, Karehalli Village, Bhadravathi 577 245, Shimoga District, Karnataka.

The Committee deferred the above proposal for want of a copy of Seed Dealer licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

The Committee recommended the proposal for import of 1,00,000 Nos Oil Palm C.V. Tenera Hybrid Sprouts from Costa Rica, America by M/s. Bhadravathi Balaji Oil Palms Ltd., B.H. Road, Karehalli Village, Bhadravathi 577 245, Shimoga District, Karnataka, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and the amendments made therein and **further, subject to submission of the copy of the Seed Dealer Licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.**

Proposal for import of Hybrid Rice seed:

S.No.10. Proposal for import of total 40 Kgs. Hybrid Rice Seeds c.v. ZY227 and ZY725 (20 kgs. each) from China for testing under Indian Agro Climatic conditions by M/s. Nath Biogene (I) Ltd, Nath House, Nath Road, P.B. No. 318, Aurngabad-431 005.

The Committee noted that the above proposal has been deferred for want of comments from Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad and NBPGR, Pusa, New Delhi, Since comments are yet to be received, therefore, the proposal has been deferred.

Proposals for import of Berseem seeds:

- S.No.11: Proposal for import of 1012 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Bharat Seed Corporation, 85, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.12: Proposal for import of 300 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Taneja Seeds Corporation, 3, First Floor (Maznine) Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.13: Proposal for import of 300 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ambika Seeds Company, Shop No.3, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.14: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Anmol Seeds, 15, Main Bazar, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.15: Proposal for import of 990 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ganga Seeds Corporation, 136, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.16: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Berseem Clover seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. India Seed House, A-245, New Subzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi-110032.**
- S.No.17: Proposal for import of 880 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. B.K. Agrotech Pvt. Ltd., Du-45, Vishakha Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-11008.**
- S.No.18: Proposal for import of 330 MT Egyptian Clover C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Lexi Impex Private Ltd., C-18, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, New Delhi-110085.**
- S.No.19: Proposal for import of 220 MT Berseem seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Gagan Seeds Corporation, 73, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi.**
- S.No.20: Proposal for import of 440 MT Egyptian clover (Berseem) seed C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Prem Beej Company, 43, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.21: Proposal for import 1000 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Ajanta Seeds Corporation, 127, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- S.No.22: Proposal for import 1000 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Proline Seeds Company India Pvt. Ltd., Daramkot Road, Jalandhar East, Distt. Moga, Punjab.**
- S.No.23: Proposal for import 200 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hytech Seed India Pvt. Ltd., C1/1015, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.**

- S.No.24:** Proposal for import 200 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. G-Tech Seed India Pvt. Ltd., C1/1015, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-70.
- S.No.25:** Proposal for import of 220 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Krishi Kalyan Seeds Corporation, 74, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi – 110007.
- S.No.26:** Proposal for import 220 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Bharat Seed Corporation, 85 Indira Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi – 110 007.
- S.No.27:** Proposal for import 220 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Bharat Agro Overseas (India), A-64 Industrial Area, G.T.Karnal Road, Delhi – 110 033.
- S.No.28:** Proposal for import 220 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Bharat Agro Overseas (India), A-64 Industrial Area, G.T.Karnal Road, Delhi – 110 033.
- S.No.29:** Proposal for import 1000 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Proline Overseas, 127, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.
- S.No.30:** Proposal for import 1100 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s.Sainath Trading Corporation, C-19, Indra Market, Delhi – 110 007.
- S.No.31:** Proposal for import 1100 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s.Garnier Seeds (India) Pvt. Ltd., 110, L.S.C. Vardhaman Royan Plaza, gujranwala Town, Part 1, Delhi – 110 009.
- S.No.32:** Proposal for import 1100 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Rajdhani Seeds Corporation, 118, Indra Market, Old subzi Mandi, Delhi -110 007.
- S.No.33:** Proposal for import 880 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. New Ronak Seeds Corporation (Regd.), 58 Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi -110 007.
- S.No.34:** Proposal for import 924 MT Egyptian clover Berseem seeds C.V. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Shipra Overseas India, A-61, G.T.Karnal Road, Industrial Area, Delhi – 110 033.
- S.No.35:** The proposal of M/s. Pahuja Seeds Pvt. Ltd., A-3, Panchwati, Opp. New subzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi – 110 033 for import of 250 MT Berseem seeds c.v. Mescavi has been recommended by the 124th EXIM Committee. As the recommendation has been expired on 11st August 2008, the import of berseem seed during the period could not be done due to non availability of the seed in Egypt as stated by the firm. - revalidation
- S.No.36:** The proposal of M/s. Pahuja Garden Shoppe Pvt. Ltd., A-3, Panchwati, Opp. New subzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi – 110 033 for

import of 500 MT Berseem seeds c.v. Mescavi has been recommended by the 124th EXIM committee. As the recommendation has been expired on 11th August 2008, the import of berseem seed during the period could not be done due to non availability of the seed in Egypt as stated by the firm. - revalidation

The Committee noted that the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has not represented in the meeting in spite of the invitation sent to them to assist the EXIM Committee. The Chairman directed to the Seeds Division, DAC to bring this issue to the notice of the Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries with request to ensure their presence in the meeting in future so as to decide the cases of berseem import. The Chairman further directed to get the comments of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries with regards to requirement and availability of berseem and its status as well as comments on above applications.

Accordingly, the above proposals are deferred.

IB. Export Proposals – Regular Agenda Items

Export of Onion Seeds

Item No.2: Proposal for export of 3 MT onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500 009.

The Committee recommended for export of 3 MT onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red to Kenya by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500 009, subject to submission of the copy of the Seed Dealer Licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.

Item No.3: Proposal for export of total 6000 kgs onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red and Agri Found Light Red @ 3000 kgs each to Srilanka by M/s. Mahyco Seeds Limited, 4E/15, Ashok Centre, 3rd Floor, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi-110005.

The Committee recommended for export of total 6000 kgs onion seeds C.V. Bombay Red and Agri Found Light Red @ 3000 kgs each to Srilanka by M/s. Mahyco Seeds Limited, 4E/15, Ashok Centre, 3rd Floor, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi-110005.

Item No.4: Proposal for export of 3 MT onion seeds c.v Nasik Red to Srilanka by M/s. Nitya Exports # 112/6, W. No. VI, Balanjaneya Swamy Street, Bellary, Karnataka.

The Committee recommended for export of 3 MT onion seeds c.v Nasik Red to Srilanka by M/s. Nitya Exports # 112/6, W. No. VI, Balanjaneya Swamy Street, Bellary, Karnataka.

IIB. Import proposals – Regular Agenda Items

Import of Berseem Seeds

- Item No.5: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Clover seeds (Berseem) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Premier Crops Private Limited, 40 Sharda Niketan, Pitam pura, Delhi-110034.**
- Item No.6: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Egyptian Clover seeds (Berseem) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Premier Seed Corporation, 133, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**
- Item No.9: Proposal for import of Egyptian Berseem (Clover) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hindustan Seeds & Pesticides, 99-Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 (India).**
- Item No.10: Proposal for import of 220 MT Egyptian Berseem (Clover) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Rama Krishna Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 145, Indra Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 (India)**
- Item No.16: Proposal for import of 440 MT Berseem c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. New Punjab Seed Co., Old Subzi Mandi, Amritsar-143 001 (India)**
- Item No.17: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Berseem c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. R.S. Exporters, 199, Nehru Market, Sabzi Mandi, Amritsar-143001 (India)**
- Item No.18: Proposal for import of 1100 MT Berseem c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hoshiarpurian DI Hatti, Old Sabzi Mandi, Amritsar-143001 (India)**
- Item No.19: Proposal for import of 550 MT Berseem c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Jasbir International, Old Subzi Mandi, Amritsar-143001 (India)**
- Item No.28: Proposal for import of 1500 MT Clover seeds (Berseem) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Enem Agencies Private Limited, 40 Sharda Niketan, Pitampura, Delhi-110034.**
- Item No.29: Proposal for import of 1500 MT Clover seeds (Berseem) c.v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Monsoon Seeds Private Limited, Shop No.133 Indira Market, Old Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007.**

The Committee noted that the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries has not represented in the meeting in spite of the invitation sent to them to assist the EXIM Committee. The Chairman directed to the Seeds Division, DAC to bring this issue to the notice of the Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries with request to ensure their presence in the meeting in future so as to decide the cases of berseem import. The Chairman further directed to get the comments of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries with regards to requirement and availability of berseem and its status as well as comments on above applications.

Accordingly, the above proposals are deferred.

Import of Oil Palm

Item No.7: Proposal for import of total 40000 Nos. Oil Palm c.v Germinated D X P Oil Palm seeds from Thailand by M/s. Godrej Agrovet Ltd., Oil Palm Plantation Division, 11/23, 4E3, T.B. Road, Mannarkoil Village, Ambasamudram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu-627401

The Committee recommended the import of total 40000 Nos. Oil Palm c.v Germinated D X P Oil Palm seeds from Thailand by M/s. Godrej Agrovet Ltd., Oil Palm Plantation Division, 11/23, 4E3, T.B. Road, Mannarkoil Village, Ambasamudram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu-627 401, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and amendment made therein.

Item No.20: Request for amendment in permission letter No. 1-5/2008-SD.IV (EXIM-128th -2e) dated 16.07.08 in respect of the proposal for import of 4.00 lakhs oil palm seed sprouts, c.v. Tenera Hybrid from ASD De Costa Rica, South America by M/s. A.P. Cooperative Oilseeds Growers' Federation Ltd., 9th Floor, Parisrama Bhavan, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad (AP).

The Committee noted that that A.P. Cooperative Oilseeds Growers' Federation Ltd., was permitted by the 128th EXIM Committee to import **4 lakhs nos. of oil palm seed sprouts**, c.v. Tenera Hybrid from ASD De Costa Rica, South America. The company in question stated that the recommended quantity could not be imported due to worldwide demand for the Oil Palm sports and ASD Costa Rica is unable to supply the seed, therefore, they request to amend the recommendation letter issued vide letter No. 1-5/2008-SD.IV(Exim-128th e) for import from the following three alternative sources:

- (i) Univanich of Thailand,
- (ii) New Britain Palm Oil Ltd., of Papua New Guinea (PNG),
- (iii) French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD), Indonesia

The request of the company has been considered by the Committee and in consultation with the TMOP representative recommended the import of the Oil Palm sprouts from the above said alternative sources besides to ASD Costa Rica, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Import of Sweet Corn

Item No.8: Proposal for import of 800 kgs Sweet Corn c.v Bright Jean from Taiwan by M/s. Known-You- Seed (India) Pvt. Ltd., 105, Nyati Millennium, S.No.209, Lohegaon, Viman Nagar, Pune-411004.

The Committee recommended the import of 800 kgs Sweet Corn c.v Bright Jean from Taiwan by M/s. Known-You- Seed (India) Pvt. Ltd., 105, Nyati Millennium, S.No.209, Lohegaon, Viman Nagar, Pune-411004, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.11: Proposal for import of 200 kgs Sweet Corn c.v. Sweet Corn 1 from Japan by M/s. Dhaanya Seeds Private Limited, No.3, Kiadb IV Phase, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560 099, Karnataka.

The Committee recommended the import of 200 kgs Sweet Corn c.v. Sweet Corn 1 from Japan by M/s. Dhaanya Seeds Private Limited, No.3, Kiadb IV Phase, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560 099, Karnataka, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.27: Proposal for import of 5 kgs Hybrid Sweet Corn seeds (Zea Mays) c.v. EXP 61782, EXP 61721, EXP 61940, Hybrix and PACSW018 @ 1 kg each from Australia by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Private Ltd., Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500009.

The Committee recommended the import of 5 kgs Hybrid Sweet Corn seeds (Zea Mays) c.v. EXP 61782, EXP 61721, EXP 61940, Hybrix and PACSW018 @ 1 kg each from Australia by M/s. Unicorn Seeds Private Ltd., Plot No.3, Balaji Enclave, Transport Road, Secunderabad-500009, subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein and **further subject to submission of the copy of the Seed Dealer Licence issued under Section 3 of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983.**

Import of Coriander

Item No.12: Proposal for import of 20,000 kgs Coriander c.v. Green Aroma from Italy by M/s. Dhaanya Seeds Private Limited, No.3, Kiadb IV Phase, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560 099, Karnataka.

The Committee noted that the Coriander seeds in question has not come under the purview of the New Policy on Seed Development, 1988, therefore, it was decided to return the proposal to the concerned applicant.

Import of Date Palm

Item No.13: Proposal for import of 10,000 Nos. Tissue culture Date palm c.v. Barhi from UAE, Fujairah by M/s. Kutch Crop Services Limited C/o Agrocel Industries Limited, Near PCV Mehta School, Opposite General Hospital, Lotus Colony, Bhuj- Kutch, Gujarat Pin 370001.

The Committee recommended the import of 10,000 Nos. Tissue culture Date palm c.v. Barhi from UAE, Fujairah by M/s. Kutch Crop Services Limited C/o Agrocel Industries Limited, Near PCV Mehta School, Opposite General Hospital, Lotus Colony, Bhuj- Kutch, Gujarat Pin 370001, , subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.22: Proposal for import of total 24,000 Nos. Tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Khunezi – 20,000 Nos. and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from Saudi Arabia, Riyadh by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat.

The Committee recommended the import of 24,000 Nos. Tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Khunezi – 20,000 Nos. and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from Saudi Arabia, Riyadh by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.23: Proposal for import of total 24,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Khunezi – 20,000 Nos. and Al Sin

City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat.

The Committee recommended the import of total 24,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Khunezi – 20,000 Nos. and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.24: Proposal for import of total 52,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 20,000 Nos., Khunezi – 20,000 Nos., GC Male – 4000 Nos., Jarwis Male – 4000 Nos. and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat.

The Committee recommended the import of total 52,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 20,000 Nos., Khunezi – 20,000 Nos., GC Male – 4000 Nos., Jarwis Male – 4000 Nos. and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.25: Proposal for import of total 54,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 20,000 Nos., Khunezi – 30,000 Nos., and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000 Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat.

The Committee recommended the import of total 54,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 20,000 Nos., Khunezi – 30,000 Nos., and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000 Nos. from UAE by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.26: Proposal for import of total 64,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 40,000 Nos., Khunezi – 20,000 Nos., and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000 Nos. from UK by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat.

The Committee recommended the import of total 64,000 Nos. of tissue culture Date Palm plants (Phoenix dactylifera) c.v. Barhee – 40,000 Nos., Khunezi – 20,000 Nos., and Al Sin City Mdrassi Male – 4000 Nos. from UK by M/s. Atul Ltd., Floras Department, Infrastructure Unit, Atul-396 020, Distt. Valsad, Gujarat subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Proposal for import of Baby corn :

Item No.14: Proposal for import of 10,000 kgs. Baby Corn c.v. SG-18 from Thailand by M/s. Namdhari Farm Fresh Pvt. Ltd., Bidadi, Bangalore-562109 (India).

The Committee recommended the import of 10,000 kgs. Baby Corn c.v. SG-18 from Thailand by M/s. Namdhari Farm Fresh Pvt. Ltd., Bidadi, Bangalore-562109 (India) subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Proposal for import of Strawberry Plant :

Item No.15: Proposal for import of Straw berry planting material c.v. Winter Down-8300 Nos., Earli brite-8300 Nos. , Festival-8300 Nos., Albion-8300 Nos., Camarosa-8300 Nos., Flamenco-8500 Nos. from Netherlands by M/s. K.F. Bioplants Pvt. Ltd., S.No.129/1 to 3 C Manjri (BK), Tal: Haveli, Dist. Pune-412307.

The Committee recommends the import of Straw berry planting material c.v. Winter Down-8300 Nos., Earli brite-8300 Nos. , Festival-8300 Nos., Albion-8300 Nos., Camarosa-8300 Nos., Flamenco-8500 Nos. from Netherlands by M/s. K.F. Bioplants Pvt. Ltd., S.No.129/1 to 3 C Manjri (BK), Tal: Haveli, Dist. Pune-412307 subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Item No.21: Proposal for amendment in the permission letter No. 1-5/2008-SD.IV (EXIM-128th -21) dated 16.07.08 issued for import of strawberry tissue culture plants c.v. Sweet Charlie(4.00 lakhs), Winter Dawn(1.00 lakh), Camarosa(0.50 lakhs), Festival(0.30 lakhs), Chandler(0.14 lakhs), KP-794-15(1000 Nos), Whitney(1000 Nos.), LCN 1A 11(1000 Nos), LCN 4A 14(1000 Nos.), LCN 4A 28(1000 Nos.) and LCN 10B 131(1000 Nos.) from California by M/s. Horticon Foundation, 1205/4, 'Alankar', Shivajinagar, Pune - 4.

The Committee noted that M/s. Horticon Foundation was permitted to import tissue culture plants during the month of July 2008 as stated above. The Company in question requested to import Strawberry plants in place of tissue culture plants as tissue culture plants are not suitable for cultivation in Maharashtra. Moreover, the mortality rate of tissue culture plants of strawberry is always higher while importing, therefore, they have requested to amend the permission letter issued vide letter No. 1-5/2008-SD.IV dated 16.7.2008 as strawberry plants in place of tissue culture plants. After discussion, the committee considered to amend the letter as requested by the Company to import strawberry plants in place of tissue culture plants and other conditions of the permission letter remain unchanged.

Item No30: Proposal for import of Sunflower seeds c.v. PAC 3789 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500003.

The Committee recommended to import only 10 kgs. of Sunflower seeds c.v. PAC 3789 from Argentina by M/s. Advanta India Limited, No.203-205, 2nd Floor, Bhuvana Towers, Sarojini Devi Road, Secunderabad-500 003 for multilocational trials subject to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendments made therein.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.