

Minutes of the 111th EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(D), Government of India, DAC at 4.30 P.M. on 12th February, 2007.

The 111th meeting of the EXIM Committee for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials was held at 4.30 p.m. on 12th February, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(D), DAC 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.

Item No. 1: Action taken report of 110th EXIM Committee meeting held on 17th January, 2007.

The Committee noted the Action Taken Report with regard to issuing recommendation letters for the seeds and planting material recommended by the 110th EXIM Committee meeting held on 17th January, 2007.

With regard to action taken report it was stated that the 109th Exim Committee meeting deferred the proposal for export of 2 MT NUXVOMICA seed to Humburg, Germany by M/s. Evergreen Herbal Implex, 60, Raja Street, Pallipalayam, Erode-63800 for want of comments from AYUSH and National Bio-diversity Authority of India. Now, the committee noted that the National Bio-diversity Authority of India has favoured the proposal for export of NUXVOMICA seed vide their letter No. NBA/Tech-APPL/9/06-07/8235 dated 14th December, 2006 and the required comments from AYUSH, Delhi is still awaited in spite of reminders issued from Seeds Division. Taking into the consideration of the above, the committee directed the Seeds Division to issue one more reminder for seeking their comments and decided that in case no comment is received within seven days from AYUSH it is presumed that AYUSH has no comments to offer for the export of NUXVOMICA. Accordingly, the proposal will be considered in the forthcoming Exim Committee meeting.

Item No. 2: Proposal for export of 3.00MT Onion Seeds C.V. Royal Selection to Colombo, Srilanka by Seminis Vegetables Seeds (India) Ltd., Sham Shakuntal heights, 161/A, 3-A, Modi Baug, Off Ganeshkhind Road, Shivajinagar, Pune-411 016.

The Exim Committee recommended the export of 3.00MT Onion Seeds C.V. Royal Selection to Colombo, Srilanka by Seminis Vegetables Seeds (India) Ltd., Sham Shakuntal heights, 161/A, 3-A, Modi Baug, Off Ganeshkhind Road, Shivajinagar, Pune-411 016.

Item No. 3: Proposal for import of 450 Kgs. Maize seeds c.v. Maize N-58, Maize No. 1 and Maize Supersweet from Vietnam by M/s. Mahyco Seeds Limited, Resham Bhawan, 4th Floor, 78, Veer Nariman Road, Mumbai-400 020.

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Item No. 4: Proposal for import of 6.00 lakh Tenera Hybrid Seed Sprouts from Thailand by M/s. Godrej Agrovet Ltd., Palm Oil Mill, Ch. Pothepalli, West Godavari(AP).

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Item No. 5: Proposal for import of 10,000 Nos. Grape Grafted and Root stock(Grape Vine Grafted Plants Cabernet Sauvignon CL 338/SO4762, Chardonnay CL 96/110R 152, Cinsault CL 3/SO4 762, Merlot CL 519/SO4 762, Sauvignon CL 242/Gravesac 264 and Rootstocks Fercal CL 242, 140 RU CL 265, and 5BB CL 144) from France by M/s. Chamagne Vineyard Ltd., Indage house, 82, Dr. A.B. Road, Worli , Mumbai-400 018.

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Item No. 6: Proposal for import of 2050 Nos. Grapes cutting(C.V. Autumn Seedless, Blush Seedless, Marquis and Autumn Royal) and Mist propagated Plants(Autumn Seedless, Blush Seedless, and Marquis) from USA & South Africa By M/s. Maharashtra State Grape Growers Association, Draksha Bhawan, E/4, Market yard, Gultekdi, Pune-411 037.

The Exim Committee recommended the import 1050 Nos.(One Thousand Fifty numbers) Grapes (C.V. Autumn Seedless, Blush Seedless, Marquis and

Autumn Royal) and Mist propagated Plants(Autumn Seedless, Blush Seedless, and Marquis) from USA & South Africa By M/s. Maharashtra State Grape Growers Association, Draksha Bhawan, E/4, Market yard, Gultekdi, Pune-411 037 instead of 2050 cuttings as Post Entry Quarantine Facility Created and certified by the DIA vide their letter No. MPKV/DIA/PEQ/Facility/808/2006 dated 29th November, 2006 can accommodate only 1050 plants of grapevine cuttings/rooted plants, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and amendments made therein.

Item No. 7: Representation received from Punjab Agri Export Corporation Ltd., to review the deferred proposal with regards to import of citrus seeds and butts by the 110th Exim Committee.

The proposal under reference had been considered by the 110th EXIM Committee Meeting and the same was deferred for want of 'no objection certificate' from National Research Centre for Citrus, Nagpur. The representative from the Company informed that the EXIM Committee recommended twice earlier for the import of citrus plants subject to Plant Quarantine Order, 2003. After in depth discussion on the subject, the representative from the company requested the EXIM Committee to permit the import of planting material under reference on the same pattern as it was recommended earlier. Taking into consideration of the request, the Exim Committee recommended the import of total 493 Citrus seeds c.v. 693 quarts, Carrizo Citrange seed (1800,000 seeds) Approx. (475 kgs), 12 quarts, Rangpur Lime seed (100,000 seeds) Approx. (9 kg) and 12 quarts, Volkameriana seed (100,000 seeds) Approx. (9 kg) from California by M/s. Council for Citrus & Agri. Juicing in Punjab, SCO 358-359, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and amendments made therein.

Item No. 8: Proposal for import of total 36,000 Nos. Citrus seeds c.v. Troyer orange, Sour Orange and Volka Mariana(12,000 Nos. each) from Israel by Mizoram Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium(MSFAC), Top Floor, Directorate of Horticulture Building, Aizawl, Mizoram-796 001.

The Exim Committee noted that the proposal under reference had been considered by the 110th Exim committee for import of 11 kg. of Citrus seeds from Israel, subject to submitting the proposal in prescribed performa with quantity wise, variety wise particulars as these information were not given by the Director of Horticulture, Government of Mizoram. Now, Director, of Horticulture, Mizoram has submitted the proposal in the prescribed performa with quantity wise, variety wise. Therefore, committee recommended to import of total 36,000 Nos. Citrus seeds c.v. Troyer orange, Sour Orange and Volka Mariana(12,000 Nos. each) from Israel by Mizoram Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium(MSFAC), Top Floor, Directorate of Horticulture Building, Aizawl, Mizoram-796 001, subject to Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 and amendments made therein.

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