

Minutes of the 117th EXIM Committee meeting for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials held under the Chairmanship of Shri S.L. Bhat, Additional Secretary, Government of India, DAC at 11.30 A.M. on 28th June, 2007.

The 117th meeting of the EXIM Committee for Export and Import of Seeds and Planting Materials was held at 11.30 a.m. on 28th June, 2007 under the Chairmanship of Shri S.L. Bhat, Additional Secretary, 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 the 116th EXIM Committee meeting held on 30th May, 2007.

Six(06) proposals meant for import of Barseem seed were deferred by the 116th EXIM Committee for want of information/data about the area under cultivation, domestic requirement etc. from the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries and Seed Association of India.

The Seed Association of India informed that the total area under Barseem is approximately by 4.00 lakh Hectare and the annual seed requirement is 10,000 M.T. out of which only 25% to 30%(2500-3000 M.T.) fulfilled by the imported seed of the out side country, rest of the area covered by the Domestic seed. However, the Exim Committee of DoAC has been recommended 2100 MT(2004-05), 2930 M.T.(2005-06) and 3594 MT(2006-07) for import of Barseem seed. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries has not provided any information required for considering the pending as well as the present cases of import of Barseem seed whereas they requested to defer the proposals so as to enable them to consider this matter in consultation with IGFRI, Jhansi and National Seeds Corporation. Hence, the committee presumed that the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries has not done their homework to provide the required information, therefore, the committee took balanced view and recommend to import Barseem seeds of pending as well as present cases limited to 100 MT per company so as to avoid the shortage of Barseem seed in near future. Accordingly, the Committee recommended the following proposals for import of Barseem seeds. Besides, Committee desired to get the details of the Berseem seed qualitywise/yearwise imported by the Company against quantitywise, yearwise recommended by the Exim Committee.

Committee further directed the QC Wing of SeedDivision to provide the list of prominent companies approached for import of Berseem seed to Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries for generating data on fodder seed and further analysis and submit the report to Exim Committee to take decision for import of Berseem seed.

a: **Proposal for import of 132 MT Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s Malav Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 5, Sahu Bavdi, Manek Chowk, Ratlam-457 001 (MP) India.**

The Exim Committee recommended the import of **100 MT only** Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s Malav Seeds Pvt. Ltd., 5, Sahu Bavdi, Manek Chowk, Ratlam-457 001 (MP), subject to the following conditions:-

- iv. Depositing seed sample of 500 grm. in Gene bank of NBPGR through representative of PPA for accession and future reference;
- v. Comply the provision of Seed Act, 1966 (Section 17 of the Seed Act, 1966)
- vi. Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

b: **Proposal for import of 240 MT Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s A.V. Enterprises, Dhab Wasti Ram, Amritsar (Punjab).**

The Exim Committee recommended the import of **100 MT only** Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s A.V. Enterprises, Dhab Wasti Ram, Amritsar (Punjab), subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Submitting certificate from the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in the country of origin certifying disease free field inspection report;
- ii. 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;
- iii. Furnishing Orange certificate by ISTA Accredited Laboratory.
- iv. Depositing seed sample of 500 grm. in Gene bank of NBPGR through representative of PPA for accession and future reference;
- v. Comply the provision of Seed Act, 1966 (Section 17 of the Seed Act, 1966)
- vi. Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

c: **Proposal for import of 220 MT Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hoshiarpurian Di Hatti, Old Sabzi Mandi, Amritsar-143 002 (Punjab).**

The Exim Committee recommended the import of **100 MT only** Barseem seed c. v. Mescavi from Egypt by M/s. Hoshiarpurian Di Hatti, Old Sabzi Mandi, Amritsar-143 002 (Punjab), subject to the following conditions:-

- i. Submitting certificate from the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in the country of origin certifying disease free field inspection report;
- ii. 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;
- iii. Furnishing Orange certificate by ISTA Accredited Laboratory.
- iv. Depositing seed sample of 500 grm. in Gene bank of NBPGR through representative of PPA for accession and future reference;
- v. Comply the provision of Seed Act, 1966 (Section 17 of the Seed Act, 1966)
- vi. Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003, and amendment made therein.

