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Dated: of June, 2016

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: EU Notification on interception of harmful organisms and inadequate additional declaration- advisory reg.

You are aware that EU requires high level of phytosanitary measures as per "SOP on Export inspection and Phytosanitary Certification of Vegetables and Fruits to EU Countries". The advisories have been issued time to time and again to strictly follow the procedure for inspection of the commodities as well as for issuance of phytosanitary certificate (PSC) as per the requirement of EU. A number of non-compliances are still reported by EU for interception of harmful organisms and inadequate additional declaration on PSCs. It requires immediate attention to avoid non compliances.

As per the SOP, DPPQS (NPPO) is overall responsible for the implementation of SOP through PSC issuing authorities. Therefore, the concerned authorities have been advised from time to time to take appropriate stringent actions in order to avoid non compliances. In the SOP responsibilities of various stakeholders are clearly defined under Clause 14, 15 and Annexure -IV in addition to other general requirements, which are to be followed strictly by all concerns. It is a responsibility of the PSC issuing Officer to ensure that all the requirements of SOP are checked and in place, before issuance of PSC.

All Pack houses, APEDA and PSC issuing officers must coordinate on issues related to proper record of farmer/ exporter, backward linkage, pest monitoring and rejections due to detection of harmful organisms. PSC issuing authorities must ensure that all the requirements and additional declarations are proper as per the requirement of importing country before issuance of PSC. They will be responsible for violation to the provisions of SOP, if PSCs are issued without verifying all essential records/ procedures/ norms leading to non compliances.

**Plant Protection Adviser** 

To

1. All PSC issuing authorities for information and compliance.

- 2. The Officer-in-charges, NPQS Delhi; RPQS, Amritsar, Kolkata, Chennai & Mumbai with the direction to sensitize the stakeholders and to ensure the compliance of the advisory in their region.
- 3. Director Horticulture/Agriculture of Govt of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat with the request for necessary action in their state on backward linkage and pest
- 4. The Director, APEDA 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, NCUI Building 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, (Opp. Asiad Village), New Delhi - 110 016
- 5. Joint Secretary (PP), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for kind information