

NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEPAL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: His Majesty's Government, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Department of Agriculture</p>
<p>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country exporting the products to Nepal</p>
<p>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Here are the three documents to be notified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives' Notice regarding the compulsory provision for Phytosanitary Certificate Gazette of His Majesty's Government, Section 54, Number 33, 6 December 2004 (1 page): The original document is in Nepali language. 2. Establishment of Plant Quarantine Checkposts in Nepal bordering with India and China. Notice of Department of Agriculture, 14 May 2004 (Available in Nepali language, 4 pages). 3. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives assigns the Plant Protection Directorate as the "National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)". Government decision, 16 March 2005 (1 page), original document is in Nepali language.
<p>6. Description of content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is the compulsory provision for importers to submit the Phytosanitary Certificate along with the Declaration Form for importing plant and plant products at the entry point of the Kingdom of Nepal. Phytosanitary Certificate will be issued by all quarantine offices (National Plant Quarantine Program, Regional Plant Quarantine Offices, and Plant Quarantine checkpoints / sub checkpoints). 2. To extend the quarantine service in the borderline and throughout the country, a National Plant Quarantine Program, is centrally located in Harihar Bhawan, Lalitpur. Its supporting other 15 quarantine offices / checkpoints / sub-checkposts have been established across the country. Eleven of them are in Nepal - India borders. Among them, five are Regional Plant Quarantine Offices, namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regional Plant Quarantine Office, Kakandbhitta, Jhapa b. Regional Plant Quarantine Office, Birgunj, Parsa c. Regional Plant Quarantine Office, Bhairhawa, Rupendehi d. Regional Plant Quarantine Office, Nepalgunj, Banke e. Regional Plant Quarantine Office, Gaddachauki, Kanchanpur. <p>Six are Plant Quarantine Checkposts, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Bhandbari, Sunsari b. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Biratnagar, Morang c. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Malangawa, Sarlahi d. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Jaleswor, Mahottari e. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Krishnanagar, Kapilwastu f. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Jhulaghat, Baitadi <p>A Plant Quarantine Checkpost is in Tribhuvan International airport, Kathmandu, for providing quarantine services for the plant and plant products entering Nepal via Air Ways.</p> <p>Three Plant Quarantine Checkpost / sub-checkposts are established in the Nepal - China border areas, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plant Quarantine Checkpost, Tatopani (Sindhupalchowk) b. Plant Quarantine Sub-Checkpost, Lomanthang (Mustang) c. Plant Quarantine Sub-Checkpost, Kerung Bhanjyang (Rasuwa) <p>3. His Majesty's Government of Nepal, to fulfil one of the obligations committed during the accession to WTO,</p>

	has assigned the "Plant Protection Directorate" one of the Program Directorates under the Department of Agriculture as the "National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)".
7.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: For the document number 1: Gazette of His Majesty's Government, Section 54, Number 33, 6 December 2004 (1 page). The original document is in Nepali language and also available in English. For the document number 2: Notice of Department of Agriculture, 14 May 2004 (4 Pages). In Nepali language. For the document number 3: Decision of His Majesty's Government, Nepal, 16 March 2005 (1 page). The official document is in Nepali language.
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13.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The texts will be available from: Dr. Krishna Bahadur Shrestha Joint Secretary and Focal Point for National Notification Authority of SPS, Agri-business Promotion and Statistics Division Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Kathmandu His Majesty's Government of Nepal Email: kbsrestha@moac.gov.np Fax: 097714225825