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STANDING ORDER NO.12/2004

The Central Government, Ministry of Agriculture, Deptt. of Agriculture and Cooperation vide Notification S.O. 1322(E) dated 18.11.2003 has issued Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import in to India) Order, 2003. As per clause 3(1) of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, no consignment of Plant or Plant products or other regulated article shall be imported into India without a valid permit issued under this order. Further, as per clause 3(22) ibid no article packed with packaging materials shall be released by the proper officer of Customs unless the consignment is accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate in respect of said packaging material.

The first proviso to the clause supra, mentions that if no phytosanitary certificate is furnished in respect of the said packaging material, the proper officer of Customs shall grant out of charge only after clearance is obtained from the local Plant Quarantine Authorities, who shall grant such clearances from the quarantine angle and may if deemed fit, subject the said packaging material to treatment at the expense of the importer. The second proviso also mentions that nothing contained in this clause shall apply to packaging materials in respect of bonafide passenger baggage containing goods other than plant and plant products.

All the officers should follow the provisions contained in the order scrupulously. Any deviation from the order will be viewed very seriously.

Sd/-(25.02.2004) (R. SHARMA) COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

ATTESTED BY

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