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Report Highlights:

The Government of India Ministry of Agriculture has released a draft notification amending Schedule VI of the Plant Quarantine Order 2003 (the regulation for importing plant material into India). The draft notification proposes to the import of *Juglans spp.* (Walnuts) from the United States, and will be adopted on December 15, 2012.

General Information:

The Government of India Ministry of Agriculture has released an amendment to the Plant Quarantine Order, 2003 (the regulation for the import of plant material into India). The draft notification seeks to amend Schedule VI of Plant Quarantine Order 2003, to include *Juglans spp.* (Walnut) as 'dry fruits for consumption' from United States of America, with additional declaration and special conditions. The draft notification will facilitate imports into India.

On September 21, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture forwarded a copy of this notification to the Ministry of Commerce so that the WTO Secretariat can be duly informed.

The expected timeline for this notification is as follows -

Date of the WTO notification - Yet to be notified

Comment Deadline - December 1, 2012

Proposed date of adoption - December 15, 2012

The draft notification and further information can be accessed from the Ministry of Agriculture website at: <http://agricoop.nic.in/gazette/WTO9102012.pdf>

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