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## India

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### **PQ Requirements and Clearance Waived for Some Processed Food Items**

**Report Categories:**

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Food Processing Ingredients

Fresh Fruit

Dried Fruit

Exporter Guide

Sugar

Tree Nuts

Oilseeds and Products

Retail Foods

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage issued a memorandum waiving plant quarantine requirements, including phytosanitary inspection, for a published list of processed food items, citing less phytosanitary risk associated with these products. This amendment is effective immediately.

## **General Information:**

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On July 6, 2018, the Indian Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage published on its website a memorandum listing low-phytosanitary risk processed food items. The memorandum repealed the clearance requirement from Plant Quarantine authorities and also declared that no phytosanitary inspection would be required for the listed items, effective immediately.

## **Effected Food Items:**

1. Asafoetida and exudes/ extracts of various trees,
2. Agar extract,
3. Cooked items hermetically packed,
4. Fruit-crystallized, infused with sugar,
5. Derivatives of sugarcane like sugar and molasses,
6. Extruded cereals (flakes, porridge) hermetically packed,
7. Food stuff ready for consumptions – jelly, jam, marmalade, sauces, mashed potatoes (dried), soup (dried), poppadum,
8. Fruits and vegetables – canned, juice, pulp, and puree,
9. Fruits and vegetables – cooked, canned, and preserved,
10. Fruits, vegetables, flowers and nuts in brine, vinegar oil or other preservatives,
11. Fruits and vegetables – frozen for consumption
12. Fruits and vegetables – minced ground or sliced dried or dehydrated or dried chips,
13. Coated nuts in hermetically packed,
14. Soybean lecithin,
15. Vegetable oils, essences,
16. De-hulled oat steamed above 95<sup>o</sup>c for 10-15 minutes

The full text of [Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage's memorandum](#) is pasted below:



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### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Approval of different categories of processed plant products which have least Phyto-sanitary risk. Amendment in PQ-Order, 2003, reg.**

In compliance to the DAC&FW letter under file no. 8-99/2018-PP-II dated 06/07/2018, all the Plant Quarantine Stations are hereby informed that the Gazette notification vide S.O. 3194(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 was issued whereby Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order 2003 has been amended to include the definition of "Processed Items". The lists of the items are enclosed herewith as a ready reference.

Being least phyto-sanitary risks associated with these processed items clearance from Plant Quarantine authorities in India will not be required with immediate effect. Also no phytosanitary inspection will be done for these items.

All the PQ Regional Officer I/Cs are hereby asked to bring it to the notice of all the PQ stations under their respective jurisdictions.

This has the approval of Plant Protection Adviser

  
(K S Kapoor)  
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1. RPQS-N. Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Amritsar & Kolkatta for information & further necessary action
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**Table: LIST OF PROCESSED ITEMS**

Sl.No.	Processed Items
1.	Asafoetida (Hing) & Exudes (gum) / extracts of various trees
2.	Agar agar extract, ingredient for dehydrated culture media
3.	Baskets, hats, mats and handicraft articles woven with less than 6 mm thick sticks
4.	Bleached and dried Scandinavian mosses (steam sterilized) for decorative purpose
5.	Cooked items hermetically packed
6.	Fruit- Crystallized, infused with sugar
7.	Dead yeast
8.	Derivatives of sugarcane like sugar and molasses
9.	<b>Bleached plant fiber</b>
10.	Extruded cereals (Flakes, Porridge) hermetically packed
11.	Foods tuffs ready for consumptions- Jelly, Jam, Marmalade, Sauces, Mashed potatoes (dried), Soup (dried), Papad
12.	Fruits and vegetables- Canned juice, pulp and puree
13.	Fruit and vegetables - Cooked, canned and preserved
14.	Fruits, vegetables, flowers and nuts in brine, vinegar, oil or other preservatives
15.	Fruits and vegetables - Frozen for consumption
16.	<b>Fruits and vegetables- Minced ground or sliced dried or dehydrated or dried chips</b>
17.	Ice cream sticks, match sticks, tooth picks (less than 6mm thickness)
18.	Paper bags
19.	Coated nuts in hermetically packed
20.	Soybean lecithin
21.	Starch hermetically packed
22.	Vegetable Oils, essences
23.	<b>De-hulled oat steamed above 95°C for 10-15 minutes</b>