

PLANT QUARANTINE ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) established in 1951 under the aegis of FAO aimed at securing common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests and diseases of plants and plants product and to promote measures for their control through legislative, technical and administrative measures. In accordance with the convention, the contracting Government is required to establish a national organization in plant protection. The Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Faridabad is the nodal agency as NPPO under the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation for India.

The Government of India vide Gazette Notifications has authorized various Central/ State Government Officers for issuance of PSC for export of plants and plants materials. The officers so designated for the State of Karnataka are as follows:

1. Deputy Director of Agriculture(Plant Pathology), Directorate of Agriculture, Sheshadri Road, Bangalore (Notification No.8-97/91-PPI,dated29-4-92).
2. Director of Horticulture, Lalbagh, Bangalore (Notification No.8-97/91-PPI, dated 26-11-93).

Procedure for issuance of PSC

1. Receipt of Application: Exporter shall apply online to the Officer in charge-prescribed format (website <http://plantquarantineindia.nic.in>).
2. The application is scrutinized for the following:
 - Any restriction of the exporting country
 - Regulation of the importing country/import permit, where applicable
 - Letter of Credit (LC)/trade agreement
 - Invoice
 - Export license, wherever applicable
 - Fumigation certificate
 - Any other relevant information
3. A unique registration number will be allotted to the correct and complete application in the order of their receipt.
4. Inspection of the consignment
5. Drawing sample for testing
- 6.Preparation, verification and issuance of PSC