



India Pulses and Grains Association (IPGA) arranged a meeting of Shri. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary – Plant protection with Trade Commissioners, Counsellors and Agriculture Counsellors in New Delhi on January 30th, 2017. The meeting was commissioned in response to the Plant Quarantine (PQ) Department announcement that they will not extend any relaxation to non-compliance of Methyl Bromide (MBR) fumigation for agri-commodities with effect from April 1st, 2017. Meaning to say that any consignment/cargo arriving without MBR fumigation from load port will be rejected by the PQ Department.

The objective of this meeting was to get the PQ Team and all Trade commissioners and Agriculture Counsellors of exporting countries on a single platform and provide them with guidance from the PQ Team on the way forward to ensure that there are no rejections from April 1st. The Meeting however, comprised of the PQ Team and about 6 other PQ Department official and scientific officers. Trade Commissioners, Counsellors and Agriculture Counsellors from 20 countries were also present.

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