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FABABEAN - DEREGULATION OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

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I. SUBJECT

This directive removes the certification, treatment and permit requirements for imports of Fababean seed, <u>Vicia faba</u> (broad bean, Fababean, horsebean).

This directive supersedes all previous documents on fababean seed including Quarantine Circular No. 18C (January 24, 1974), D-84-28, D-84-46, D-86-35 and Permit Letter L6A (November 27, 1984).

II. BACKGROUND

In 1974, when it was first regulated, Fababean was a relatively new crop in Canada. Import requirements included a seed treatment aimed at preventing the introduction of Ascochyta/4 (Ascochyta Blight) into Canada.

A recent review has shown that Ascochyta Blight is now established in four provinces (British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia), despite the preventative measures taken. In addition, after the treatment requirement was introduced, it was found that neither Thiram nor Captan effectively eliminates the disease. The disease is now rated as relatively unimportant in Canada and is not considered to be of quarantine significance.

III. POLICY

Effective immediately, the Plant Protection Division will deregulate Fababean seed. This will eliminate all previous import requirements for phytosanitary certification, treatment, and permit for Fababean from all countries.

However, imported Fababean seed will continue to be subject to inspection and must be free of quarantine pests and practically free of injurious pests. Fababean seed intended for propagation must also meet the requirements of the Seeds Act and Regulations.

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