To,
1- Chairman, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, New Delhi
2- Director, Rajiya Krishi Utpadan Mandi Parishad, UP., Kisan Mandi Bhavan, Lucknow
3- Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi
4- President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi
5- President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, New Delhi
6- President, The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi
7- Chairman, Forum for Integrated Agricultural Development, Pune
8- Director General & CEO, Federation of Indian Export Organization, New Delhi
9- Director, Export Inspection Council of India, New Delhi

Sir,

As we are aware that export of agricultural commodities in recent years from India are increased tremendously. Phytosanitary certification is one of the export facilitation activities for safe trade of agricultural commodities based on the WTO-SPS agreement. The certification must comply with the international norms as set in various international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) developed under International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). It has been observed in the past that export of agricultural commodities and processed foods face rejection/ban by importing countries on account of non-compliance of sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standards. In view of the above, the University has established **Centre of Excellence for Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS)** with the financial assistance of Government of Uttar Pradesh & Government of India under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) in the Department of Plant Pathology. In the SPS centre state of the art laboratories have been developed for the examination of weeds seeds, insect-pests, plant pathogens (fungi, bacteria, viruses and nematodes etc.) infestation/infection in the consignment. The main objective of the SPS centre is to facilitate/promote export of agricultural produce through export inspection and phytosanitary certification and look after SPS issues of Uttar Pradesh.

NGOs/Organization/Institutions who are involved in agri export business and exporters/farmers whose product falls under the ambit of SPS may takes advantage of Centre of Excellence for Sanitary and Phytosanitary. In this regards, kindly circulate above information amongst agri exporters/farmers

Your’s Sincerely

(Ramesh Singh)

CC:

1- Director, Research
2- Dean, College of Agriculture
3- HOD, Plant Pathology
4- Director of Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow
5- Joint Secretary, RKVY, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer’s Welfare, New Delhi
6- Director of Horticulture and Food Processing, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow
7- PS to Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor for his kind information pl.
8- Dr. Deepak Sishodia for uploading circular to University website www.svbpmeerut.ac.in