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## **PUBLIC NOTICE NO. PS-2/2018**

## SUB: REGISTRATION OF SALES CONTRACT FOR IMPORT OF POPPY SEEDS FROM CHINA

Reference is invited to Public Notice No. PS-1/2018 uploaded on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 inviting application for import of Poppy seed from China. In this context the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in Writ Petition No. 1398 of 2018 filed by M/s M.R. Impex, Nagoor, Tamilnadu vide its order dated 23.01.2018 has passed the following directions:

"Accordingly, there will be a direction to the petitioner and all other similarly placed importers to file their applications before the second respondent well before the cut off date and the applications shall be received by the second respondent. It is made clear that submission of the application by the petitioner is without prejudice to their rights in this writ petition. The second respondent is also directed to make a note about the pendency of this writ petition before this Court at the instance of the petitioner, so that the other applicants are aware that such a case is pending before this Court. The second respondent, after receiving the applications, shall consider the same and before making any allocation, shall report before this Court as to what is the quantity, which has been applied for by the importers. On such information being placed before this Court by the second respondent, this Court will consider as to what further directions need be issued. This Court is convinced to issue such a direction considering the fact that on account of deferral of drawal of lots by the Karnataka High Court, it appears that for nearly a year, imports have not been permitted. In fact, to my mind, the interim order granted

by the Karnataka High Court can, at best, may be applicable to the public notice dated 05.12.2016 and it cannot be understood as a blanket ban on imports. Be that as it may, considering the commercial considerations involved and the exigencies of trade, it would be in the fitness of things for all importers to file their application before the second respondent and this Court can consider as to how best the interest of the importers could be protected.

Remarks: Second respondent in the said Petition is Narcotics Commissioner.

This is for information of all concerned.

By Order Narcotics Commissioner