

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Procedures for Importation of Plants and Plant Products.

INTRODUCTION

The Plant Quarantine Unit of the the Department of Agriculture is responsible for the prevention of the introduction of dangerous pests and diseases which are harmful to the agriculture industry .

This regulation is provided under the " **CHAPTER 43, AGRICULTURAL PESTS AND NOXIOUS PLANTS ACT " Section 24 (1) (F) Revised edition 1984**

OBJECTIVES

To prevent the introduction of exotic pests and diseases of plants in line with the International Regulations by prohibition, restriction or regulation of the movement of plant materials & plant products such as living plants, seeds for planting, bulbs, rhizomes, fresh fruits and vegetables, weeds, organic fertilizer and other living organisms.

ENFORCEMENT

For Prevention and Prohibition of dangerous pests and diseases, ALL plants and planting materials imported into Brunei Darussalam are subjected to Regulation as follows :

- i. PROHIBITION of importation of plant pests and diseases declared dangerous to agriculture.
- ii. PROHIBITION of importation of ALL host plants to the dangerous pests and diseases.
- iii. PROHIBITION of importation of specific plant or plants materials of which plant diseases are known to be endemic in the country of origin.
- iv. TREATMENTS of plants and plant materials must be carried out in the country of origin prior to importation.
- v. All plants and plant materials will be subjected to INSPECTION on arrival.
- vi. All plants and plant materials SUSPECTED or FOUND to be infested with pests or diseases will be treated or destroyed.

(REMINDER : All plants or plant materials treated in the country of origin may not necessarily be free from pests and diseases. Reinfestation may occur during transportation)

IMPORT PROCEDURES

The present CHAPTER 43, AGRICULTURAL PESTS AND NOXIOUS PLANTS ACT Section 24 (1) (F) Revised edition 1984 requires ALL imported plants of plant materials including fruits and vegetables must have :

- **REGISTRATION OF IMPORTERS**
- **IMPORT PERMITS**
- **PLANT PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES**

REGISTRATION OF IMPORTERS. This procedure only applies to commercial importers of plant materials and plant products. The Importers have to be registered with the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources. The time required for is approximately 3 weeks. Once registered, then the usual procedure follows, i.e application of Import Permit.

IMPORT PERMITS are issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, to indicate the TYPE and QUANTITY of plants or plant materials permitted for entry into Brunei Darussalam. With TERMS and CONDITIONS for such permits. The time required for the issuance plant Import Permit is 3 working days. This Import Permit is valid for one consignment only and within three calendar months from the date of issue. Any import of plants or plant materials made without this Import Permit will be confiscated, destroyed or returned to the sender, and the importer may be prosecuted under the provisions of the above-mentioned Enactment.

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES are issued by the legal issuing authority of the country of origin, certifying the state of health of the plants and treatments given in the country of origin. Phytosanitary Certificates are valid for 14 DAYS the date of issue.

The Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources also issue Phytosanitary Certificates for **EXPORT** of Plants and planting materials. Intending Exporters are advised to obtain **IMPORT PERMITS** from the importing country.

Import of plants and planting materials **WITHOUT** this certificate will be detained for inspection and treatment. The costs of treatment will be borne by the importers.

The importer must complete a prescribed form and disclose information on :

- Description of the import items and amount.
- The name and address of the source of supply.
- All documents must be in original copies.

All vegetables and fruits destined to Brunei Darussalam must be appropriately packaged, stated on the package information on name and address of the supplier.

Entry Points : The points of entry for import must be stated.

Importer must produce all relevant documents for inspections at the entry point. The relevant documents include :

- i. Import Permit issued by the Department of Agriculture.
- ii. Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the country of export.
- iii. All vegetables and fruits be appropriately packed, with identification tags that contain information consistent with the Import Permit.

Vegetables and fruits will be subject to inspections by the Custom and Excise Department and the Department of Agriculture at the point of entry.

The Department of Agriculture may take samples of vegetables and fruits for analysis.

Permission for entry will only be granted upon satisfactory outcome of inspections.

SERVICE CHARGES.

Fees charged for services rendered such as issuance of Plant Import Permits and Phytosanitary Certificates, disinfection and treatment will be borne by the importers.

ISSUING AUTHORITY FOR IMPORT PERMITS AND PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES :

1. **Plant Quarantine Unit
Department of Agriculture
Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources
Old Airport
Bandar Seri Begawan BB 3510
Negara Brunei Darussalam.**

INCONTRAVENTION OF THE RULES.

The Department of Agriculture, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CAP 43, Agricultural Pests and Noxious Plants Act, has the power to detain and inspect All Plants and plant materials on arrival

Any import of plants and plant materials found to be in contravention of Plant Quarantine Rules will be confiscated and destroyed without compensation or returned to the country

of origin at the importer's own expense. The importer will also be subjected to prosecution.

The Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources will not be responsible for damage and loss of plants and plant materials during inspection, detention, disinfection or treatment at the Post Entry Quarantine.

If you plan a holiday and INTEND TO bring back :

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Plant seeds for planting
- Plant cutting for nursery stock
- Ornamental plants
- Marcotted and grafted plants
- Living plant materials
- Insects and live organisms
- Organic fertilizer

PLEASE CONSULT AND ASK FOR ADVICE FROM :-

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