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## **1 General Information**

### **1.1 For enquires about this standard email the Exports Group (Plants):**

[plantexports@maf.govt.nz](mailto:plantexports@maf.govt.nz)

To help Exports process your email please record in the subject line of your email descriptive keywords which are relevant to your enquiry i.e. ICPR enquiry-Country-specific details.

For urgent enquiries phone or fax the Exports Group Plants  
Telephone: 64 4 894 0515  
Fax: 64 4 894 0731

### **1.2 Scope**

This standard specifies Hong Kong's phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities and commodity classes only. If a commodity or commodity grouping is not identified within Section 3 or Section 4 exporters should contact:

Hong Kong directly in order to ascertain requirements, refer Section 2.2.4

or

Biosecurity New Zealand (Exports). Please note, the determination of phytosanitary requirements is undertaken on a cost recovery basis

Users of this document are strongly advised to review all sections of the EPS for the determination of a commodity's phytosanitary requirements.

### **1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation**

The following legislation controls the importation of plants and plant materials into Hong Kong:

- Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance, Cap 207

## 2 General Requirements

### 2.1 Prohibitions

The following commodities are prohibited entry unless specifically authorised by the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). ref Chpt 207 Schd I & II, Chpt 207 Sect 8

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Ananas</i> spp.		All
<i>Arachis</i> spp.		All except decorticated seeds
<i>Bombacaceae</i>		Plants originating in countries where Swollen shoot virus complex of cacao is known to occur
<i>Camellia sinensis</i>	Tea	Vegetative material originating in countries where <i>Exobasidium reticulatum</i> or Phloem Necrosis virus is known to occur
<i>Citrus</i> spp.		All
<i>Heva</i> spp.	Rubber plant	Plants originating in countries where South American leaf blight ( <i>Dothidelia ulei</i> ) is known to occur
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	Sweet potato	All
<i>Oryza</i> spp.	Rice	Plants originating in countries where White tip nematode ( <i>Aphelenchoides oryzae</i> ) and Hoja blanca disease is known to occur
<i>Sterculiaceae</i>		Plants originating in countries where Swollen shoot virus complex of cacao is known to occur
<i>Theobroma</i> spp.	Cacao	Plants originating in countries where Witches broom disease ( <i>Marasmius perniciosus</i> ) is present
	Soil	All

## **Definitions** ref Chpt 207 Sect. 2

**Plant** includes timber, trees and shrubs

and

leaves, roots, flowers, fruit, tubers, bulbs, corms, stocks, cuttings, layers, slips, suckers, seeds, and any part of a plant, whether or not intended for growing, planting or propagation or from which further plants may be grown, planted or propagated.

**Soil** earth, sand, clay and peat

## **2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits**

2.3.2 Phytosanitary import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

2.3.3 Phytosanitary import permits are required for the importation of the following commodities:

- Flower bulbs / corms
- Bare rooted plants
- Cuttings
- Sphagnum moss

2.3.4 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for the importation of the following commodities:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables for consumption
- Fresh cut flowers and foliage
- Dried cut flowers and foliage
- Grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or animal consumption or for industrial use
- Timber and timber products including rattan and bamboo
- Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

2.2.4 Phytosanitary import permits and conditions of import may be requested from:  
ref website

Plant and Pesticides Regulatory Division  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department  
5/F Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices  
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road  
Kowloon  
HONG KONG

Tel: (852) 2150 7000 during office hours  
(852) 2708 8885 24 hours interactive telephone enquiry  
Fax: (852) 2314 2622

Email: [Plantlic@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:Plantlic@afcd.gov.hk) or [mailbox@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:mailbox@afcd.gov.hk)

Website [http://www.afcd.gov.hk/web/index\\_e.htm](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/web/index_e.htm)

## 2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

2.3.2 The following commodity classes require a phytosanitary certificate:

- Flower bulbs / corms
- Bare rooted plants
- Cuttings
- Sphagnum moss
- Seed for sowing

2.3.2 Phytosanitary certificates are not required for the importation of the following commodity classes:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables for consumption
- Fresh cut flowers and foliage
- Dried cut flowers and foliage
- Grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or animal consumption or for industrial use
- Timber and timber products including rattan and bamboo
- Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

2.3.3 Authorisation prior to import from the Hong Kong Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) is required for the following:

- Insects
- Plants potted in peat / peat moss
- Peat / peat moss

2.3.4 Phytosanitary certificates must be signed no more than 14 days prior to export. ref. Chpt. 207 Sect. 6

## 2.4 Quarantine Pests

Not specified by Hong Kong

## 2.5 Maximum Pest Limits (MPLs)

For all commodities exported to Hong Kong requiring phytosanitary certificates, the MPL's are:

Quarantine pests* specified by Hong Kong	0.5%
Soil	25g/600unit

\*Quarantine pests for Hong Kong include organisms identified within:

- Section 2.4 of this standard
- Additional declarations
- Phytosanitary import permit

Note: Where an importing country does not specify any quarantine pests within the above, the MPL of 5% is to be applied for all injurious pests. Refer Section 4.14.4 of PEO.OAR

## 2.6 Ports of Entry

Not specified by Hong Kong

## 2.7 Inspection on Arrival

All consignments of imported plant material will be subject to inspection for phytosanitary purposes on arrival to Hong Kong.

## 2.8 Sampling Rates upon Arrival

Not specified by Hong Kong

## **2.9 Transit**

ref Chpt 207 Sect. 9

Plants, plant pests and soil in transit are exempt from Hong Kong's phytosanitary requirements provided:

- the plant, plant pest or soil is packed, and remains packed, in a container which is sealed, closed or wrapped in such a manner that no plant pest may escape from the container; and
- the container in which the plant, plant pest or soil is contained and the cargo or baggage in which the container is included:
  - (i) remains at all times on the vehicle, vessel or aircraft in which they were brought into Hong Kong; or
  - (ii) if taken from such vehicle, vessel or aircraft are not removed from the place where they are brought into Hong Kong other than for the purpose of being taken out of Hong Kong

If these transit provisions are breached the consignment may be destroyed and costs recovered by the Hong Kong authorities.

## **3 Commodity Class Requirements**

### **3.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

Refer Section 4.1 for commodity specific requirements

#### **3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (for consumption)**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

#### **3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

#### **3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Refer Section 4.2 for commodity specific requirements

### **3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.3 Nursery Stock**

Refer Section 4.3 for commodity specific requirements

#### **3.3.1 Budwood and Cuttings**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes (for propagation)**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required

#### **3.3.3 Whole Plants (bare rooted)**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required

#### **3.3.4 Whole Plants (potted within peat or peat moss)**

Conditions:

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.3.5 Tissue Culture**

Conditions:

Not specified. Refer Section 1.2

### **3.4 Seed and Grains**

Refer Section 4.4 for commodity specific requirements

#### **3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### **3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.5 Growing Media and Packing Material**

Conditions:

Refer Section 4.5 for commodity specific requirements

Soil including earth, sand, clay and peat is prohibited unless prior authorisation has been given by the Hong Kong AFCD

### **3.6 Miscellaneous Items**

Conditions:

Refer Section 4.6 for commodity specific requirements

## **4 Commodity Specific Requirements**

### **4.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

#### **4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.1

#### **4.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.2

#### **4.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.3

### **4.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

#### **4.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.1

#### **4.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.2

### **4.3 Nursery Stock**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3

### **4.4 Seed and Grains**

#### **4.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.1

#### **4.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.2

#### **4.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.3

### **4.5 Growing Media and Packing Material**

Sphagnum Moss

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Peat / Peat Moss

Conditions:

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import. Phytosanitary certificate required.  
Additional declaration required.

Additional declaration

"Peat / peat moss has not been used previously for planting purposes"

### **4.6 Miscellaneous**

Dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Grains (animal consumption)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Insects

Authorisation required from AFCD prior to import.

Spices (for human consumption)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.

Timber and timber products (including bamboo and rattan)

Conditions

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate not required.