

**BIOSECURITY NEW ZEALAND
IMPORTING COUNTRIES PHYTOSANITARY
REQUIREMENTS
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

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1.2 Scope

This standard specifies United Arab Emirates phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities only. If a commodity or commodity grouping is not identified within Section 3 or Section 4 exporters should contact:

United Arab Emirates 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 ICPR 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 United Arab Emirates:

- Federal Law No.5 on Agricultural Quarantine (1979) and Amendment No.6 (1992), and form the basis of this export phytosanitary standard.

1.4 Definitions

The United Arab Emirates Federal Law No.5 (1979) in connection with Agricultural Quarantine Services defines the following terms as:-

Agricultural consignment shall mean any plant or part thereof, or plant products entering the country in accordance with the provisions of this law.

Competent Authority shall mean the department responsible for

agricultural quarantine services.

Infection	shall mean the presence of signs of insects, or pest infection or any other disease in plants or agricultural products either internally or externally.
Minister	shall mean the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
Owner	shall be any firm, trading house, university, public administration, private corporation, diplomatic corps or any other body dealing in any agricultural produce by way of importation.
Plant	shall mean any kind of agricultural items or part thereof, in whatsoever form or part thereof, in whatsoever form or condition: e.g., branches, bulbs, corms, flowers, fruits, leaves, rhizomes, roots, seeds, seedlings, sprouts, stems, straw, and tubers.
Plant products	shall mean any items of plant products whose original condition or form is unchanged by any process.
Quarantine station	shall be the location where all agricultural consignments are examined and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the law.
Weeds	shall mean any kind of seeds of plants, or any harmful weeds, or parts thereof, whether alive or dead.

2 General requirements

2.1 Prohibitions

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Palmae</i> spp.	Palm	All. Prohibited from countries where palm red weevil or bayoud disease have been recorded.
	Soil, earth, sand, clay and peat	All

2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits

2.2.1 Phytosanitary import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

2.2.2 Phytosanitary import permits are required for:

- Import permits are required for some plants and plant products as specified below in commodity class requirements. Import permits may specify phytosanitary requirements such as additional declarations or treatments.

2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for:

Not specified

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

Not specified

2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

Phytosanitary certificates are required for all plants and plant products.

The certificates must be verified by the Independent Verification Agency (IVA). The certificates must be supplied to MAFBNZ Exports (Plants) where they will be signed and returned to the exporter by courier. UAE requires the certificates to be signed in ink ("wet signature") rather than in an electronic form.

2.4 Quarantine Pests

The following pathogens and pests are prohibited from entering the United Arab Emirates. There is a nil tolerance for these organisms.

Scientific name of the pathogen or pest	Common name
<i>Cryptorhynchus mangifera</i>	Mango seed weevil
<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>	Golden nematode
<i>Iridomyrmex humilis</i>	Argentinean ant
<i>Leptinotarsa decimlineata</i>	Colorado beetle
<i>Pectinophora gossypiella</i>	Pink bollworm
<i>Phylloxera vitifolia</i> (Syn. <i>P. vastatrix</i>)	Grapevine aphid
<i>Phytophaga destructor</i>	Hessian fly
<i>Popillia japonica</i>	Japanese beetle
<i>Quadraspidiotus perniciosus</i>	San Jose scale
<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i>	Potato wart disease

2.5 Maximum Pest Limits (MPLs)

For all commodities exported to the United Arab Emirates requiring phytosanitary certificates, the MPL's are:

Quarantine pests* specified by UAE
Soil

0.5%
25g/600unit

*Quarantine pests for the UAE include organisms identified within:

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

2.6 Inspection on Arrival

All consignments of plants and plant products may be subject to inspection on arrival.

2.7 Sampling Rate

Not specified

2.8 Ports of Entry

Not specified

2.9 Transit Requirements

All plants and plant produce in transit must meet the requirements of the United Arab Emirates and must be free of quarantine pests.

3 Commodity Class Requirements

3.1 Fruit and Vegetables

3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Not specified

3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Not specified

3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage

3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Not specified

3.3 Nursery Stock

3.3.1 Whole Plants

Conditions: (*Plants and parts of plants for propagation other than seeds*)

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free of soil

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.1

3.3.3 Bud wood and Cuttings

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.1

3.4 Seeds and Grain

3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Germination and Purity certificate required.

3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption

Conditions: (*Cereals, legumes and forages*)

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing

Conditions:

Not specified

3.5 Growing Media

Conditions:

Not specified

3.6 Packing Material

Conditions:

Not specified

3.7 Miscellaneous Items

Conditions:

Organic fertiliser

Conditions:

Phytopsanitary import permit required. Phytopsanitary certificate required.

Soil conditioner

Conditions:

Phytopsanitary import permit required. Phytopsanitary certificate required.

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

Palmae (including palm tree offshoots, coconut palms and ornamental palms)

Conditions:

Phytopsanitary import permit required. Phytopsanitary certificate required. Prohibited from countries where palm red weevil or bayoud disease have been recorded.

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