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**IMPORTING COUNTRIES PHYTOSANITARY**  
**REQUIREMENTS**  
**SAUDI ARABIA**

**EXPORTERS ARE ADVISED TO CONFIRM THE  
PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO  
EXPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND**

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## **1. General Information**

### **1.1 For enquires about this document email the Plant Exports Team:**

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

Please state the nature of your enquiry in the subject line e.g. Saudi Arabia query or pest interception or password re-set.

For urgent enquiries please phone + 64 4 894 5693

### **1.2 Scope**

The requirements listed in this Importing Country's Phytosanitary Requirement (ICPR) document apply to product of New Zealand only, unless specifically stated. This standard specifies Saudi Arabia's phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities and commodity classes only.

If a commodity class is not listed under Section 3 "Commodity Class Requirements" or Section 4 "Commodity Specific Requirements" exporters should contact;

- Saudi Arabia directly to ascertain requirements refer Section 2.2.4

Or

- Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) – Plant Exports

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 regulates the importation of plants and plant materials into Saudi Arabia:

- Plant Quarantine Regulation (Decree No. 207, dated 26/1/1396 H, under revision)

### **1.4 Fees and Charges**

- Please note that the determination and provision of phytosanitary requirements for a commodity not listed within the ICPR may be undertaken on a cost recovered basis. A link to the list of Plant Exports Fees and Charges is available on <http://mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/fruit-and-vegetables/fees-and-charges/>.

## 2 General Requirements

### 2.1 Prohibitions

Plants or parts of plants of the following genera and species, and classes are prohibited entry to Saudi Arabia

Table 1. List of product prohibited entry to Saudi Arabia

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
Arecaceae	Palm Family	All parts including decorative materials, from areas where <i>Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. albedinis</i> (date palm bayoud disease) and Palm lethal yellowing phytoplasma is known to occur. Refer Section 3.3
<i>Cannabis indica</i>	Marijuana	All
<i>Catha edulis</i>	Khat	All
<i>Datura</i> spp.	Angel's Trumpet	All
<i>Euphorbia</i> spp.	Spurge	All
<i>Papaver</i> spp.	Poppy	All
<i>Ricinus</i> spp.		All
Sand		All
Soil (earth)		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 the importation of the following

commodity classes from New Zealand:

- nursery stock
- seeds (grain) and nuts for sowing
- seeds (grain) and nuts for consumption

2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for the importation of the following commodity classes from New Zealand:

- fresh, dried or frozen fruit and vegetables
- fresh or dried cut flowers and foliage
- seeds (grain) and nuts for processing
- growing media and packaging material

2.2.4 Phytosanitary Import Permits may be requested from:

Rashed AL-KHEDHER  
Director General- Animal and Plant Quarantine Department  
Ministry of Agriculture and Water  
King Abdulaziz Road  
Riyadh 11195  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Telephone: 9661 401 6666 (ext. 2175)

Facsimile: 9661 401 1323

## **2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates**

Phytosanitary certificates are required for the importation of all commodity classes from New Zealand. Refer Section 4 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

## 2.4 Quarantine Pests

The following organisms are prohibited from entering Saudi Arabia

Scientific Name	Common Name
<b>Insects / Mites / Nematodes</b>	
<i>Cryptorhynchus mangiferae</i> (syn. <i>Sternochetus magiferae</i> )	Mango Weevil
<i>Daktulosphaira vitifoliae</i> (syn. <i>Phylloxera vitifoliae</i> )	Grape Phylloxera
<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i> (syn. <i>Heterodera rostochiensis</i> )	Golden Nematode
<i>Iridomyrmex humilis</i>	Argentine Ant
<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i>	Colorado Potato Beetle
<i>Mayetiola destructor</i> (syn. <i>Phytophaga destructor</i> )	Wheat Hessian Fly
<i>Pectinophora gossypiella</i>	Pink Bollworm
<i>Popillia japonica</i>	Japanese Beetle
<i>Quadraspidiotus perniciosus</i> (syn. <i>Aspidiotus perniciosus</i> )	San Jose Scale
<b>Fungi</b>	
<i>Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. qlbedinis</i>	Date Palm Bayoud Disease
<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i>	Potato Wart
<b>Bacteria</b>	
Palm lethal yellowing phytoplasma	Coconut Lethal Yellowing Pathogen

## 2.5 Ports of Entry

Commodity classes are not restricted to entry via specific ports unless indicated upon a Phytosanitary Import Permit.

Plants and plant products are subject to inspection at the first port of entry.

## 2.6 Inspection on Arrival

Consignments from New Zealand **are** subject to inspection for phytosanitary purposes by Saudi officials upon arrival. A percentage of consignments are sampled. Sample size is dependent on commodity, pest association and country of origin.

## 2.7 Trans-shipping

Consignments transiting Saudi Arabia en-route to the final destination may not remain in Saudi Arabia more than one week without permission from the Ministry



### 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. Refer Section 4.1.1 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

##### 3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.1.2 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

##### 3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.1.3 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

#### 3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage

##### 3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.2.1 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

##### 3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.2.2 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

#### 3.3 Nursery Stock

Arecaceae (Palm family)

Conditions: (includes plants, all parts thereof including decorative materials)

Phytosanitary Import Permit Required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free of soil (earth) and sand.

Additional declarations

"Plants are free from *Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. albedinis* (date palm bayoud disease) and from an area where Palm lethal yellowing phytoplasma is not known to occur"

##### 3.3.1 Budwood and cuttings

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section

4.3.1 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

3.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes etc.

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.3.2 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

3.3.3 Whole Plants

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.3.3 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

3.3.4 Tissue Culture

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.3.4 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

**3.4 Seeds, Grains and Nuts**

3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.4.1 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.4.2 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Refer Section 4.4.3 for commodity specific requirements where applicable.

**3.5 Growing Media**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Treatment required. Soil (earth) and sand is prohibited. Plant propagative material may be packed in sterile mediums such as peat and peat mixtures, or biologically inert materials such as perlite or vermiculite.

Treatment:

Growing media must be sterilised with treatment details endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate.

Suggested treatments (as indicated by Saudi Arabia) for sterilising artificial growing media include

- Sterilisation by use of aerated steam at 140°F for 30 minutes. The procedure should be conducted using pre-moistened media and ensuring that the densest portion receives the required minimum temperature for the full 30 minutes

Or

- Fumigation with methyl bromide at a rate of 1 Pound per cubic yard of medium for 24 to 48 hours at a temperature of over 60°F

### **3.6 Packaging Material**

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary certificate required. Packing materials associated with plants and plant products must be clean and are subject to plant quarantine regulations. Soil (earth) and sand is prohibited as a packing material.

### **3.7 Organisms and Plant Material for Research**

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary Import Permit required. Items such as plant pests, beneficial organisms and plant material infested with plant pests may only be imported for research purposes. Refer Section 2.2.4 re application for Phytosanitary Import Permits

## **4 Commodity Specific Requirements**

### **4.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

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

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.1.1

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

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.1.2

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

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.1.3

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

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

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.2.1

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

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.2.2

### 4.3 Nursery Stock

#### 4.3.1 Budwood and Cuttings

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.3.1

#### 4.3.2 Bulbs / tubers /corms / rhizomes etc

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.3.2

Lilium spp.

Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### 4.3.3 Whole Plants

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.3.3

#### 4.3.4 Tissue Culture

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.3.4

### 4.4 Seeds, Grains and Nuts

#### 4.4.1 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Sowing

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.4.1

Citrullus spp.

Watermelon

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration

"Treated with a broad-spectrum fungicide"

Cucumis spp.

Cucumber, muskmelon

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration

"Treated with a broad-spectrum fungicide"

Cucurbita spp.

Pumpkin, squash

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Additional declaration

"Treated with a broad-spectrum fungicide"

Papaver spp.

Conditions:

Prohibited

Triticum spp. Wheat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required. Seed must be certified as being a direct first generation product of registered seed. Import permits will only be granted to seed producers, not to brokers.

#### 4.4.2 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Consumption

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.4.2

#### 4.4.3 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Processing

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.4.3

### 4.5 **Growing Media**

Refer Sections 2.1 and 3.5.