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

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## 1 General Information

Users of this document are strongly advised to read all sections to understand the phytosanitary requirements for a commodity.

### 1.1 For enquires about this document email the Plant Exports Group Team: [plantexports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantexports@mpi.govt.nz)

Please state the nature of your enquiry in the subject line e.g. Sri Lanka 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 ICPR specifies Sri Lanka's phytosanitary requirements. If a commodity or commodity group is not identified within this ICPR exporters should direct enquiries to:

- Sri Lanka's directly in order to ascertain requirements or
- Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)-Plant Exports.

### 1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation

The following legislation controls the importation of plants and plant materials into Sri Lanka:

Plant Protection Act No. 35 of 1999

### 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

The importation of the following commodities are prohibited unless accompanied by a phytosanitary import permit issued by Sri Lanka.

Table 1. Prohibited commodities into Sri Lanka.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Anacardium</i> spp.	Cashew	Plant material
<i>Ananas</i> spp.	Pineapple	Vegetative propagating material
Araceae	Taro and related plants	Planting material
<i>Arachis</i> spp.	Groundnut	Planting material
<i>Artocarpus</i> spp.	Breadfruit	Plant material from areas where " Pingalap " diseases are known to occur
<i>Camellia</i> spp.	Tea and related plants	Planting material
<i>Citrus</i> spp.	Citrus	Plant material
<i>Cocos</i> spp.	Coconut and related plants	Plant material
<i>Coffea</i> spp.	Coffee	Plant material
<i>Elaies</i> spp.	Oil palm	Plant material
<i>Eugenia</i> spp.	Clove and related plants	Plant material
<i>Fragaria</i> spp.	Strawberry	Vegetative propagating material
<i>Glycine max</i>	Soybean	Planting material
<i>Gossypium</i> spp.	Cotton and related plants	Plants with the exception of seed or baled cotton. If originating from the Western hemisphere, such seed or baled cotton must be fumigated by a method approved by the Director of Agriculture as being effective against the Mexican Boll Weevil ( <i>Anthonomus grandis</i> )

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Helianthus</i> spp.	Sunflower and related plants	Vegetative propagating material
<i>Hevea</i> spp.	Rubber	All
<i>Homeria</i> spp.	Cape Tulips	Plant Material
<i>Ipomoea</i> spp.	Sweet potato	Planting Material
<i>Lactuca</i> spp.	Lettuce	Planting material of <i>Lactuca</i> unless the seed has been certified by the exporting country to be free of lettuce mosaic virus
<i>Lycopersicum</i> spp.	Tomato	Planting material of <i>Lycopersicum</i> , unless the seed has been acid extracted or otherwise or treated to prevent transmission of seed-borne diseases
<i>Mangifera</i> spp.	Mango	Vegetative propagating material
<i>Manihot</i> spp.	Cassava	Planting material
Musaceae	Banana, Plantain, Abaca	Vegetative planting material of the family Musaceae
<i>Nicotiana</i> spp.	Tobacco	Planting material except seed where the seed is imported under a Plant Import Permit
<i>Oryza</i> spp.	Rice	All except processed rice for consumption
<i>Palmae</i>	Palm	All
<i>Piper nigrum</i>	Pepper	Vegetative propagating material
<i>Rubus</i> spp.	Blackberry	Plant Material
Rosaceae	Apple / Pears	Vegetative propagating material
<i>Saccharum</i> spp.	Sugar cane	Vegetative propagating material



Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Spartina</i> spp.	Rice Grass	Plant Material
<i>Theobroma</i> spp.	Cocoa	Plant Material
Vitaceae	For example grapes	Vegetative propagating material of the family Vitaceae
<i>Zea mays</i>	Maize	Planting materials of <i>Zea mays</i> except seed, from countries where <i>Erwinia stewarti</i> does not occur
	Aquatic plants	All
	Compost	All
	Manure	All
	Soil	All
	Any plant capable of further growth or propagation, and originating in the American tropics or in any country in which South American Leaf Blight ( <i>Microcyclus ulei</i> ) occurs	Plant Material
	Fruit and vegetables for consumption, from countries where fruit flies (family Tephritidae) not recorded in Sri Lanka are known to occur	All, unless the fruit and vegetables are certified by the exporting country to have been grown in an area where fruit flies are not known to exist, or that the fruit and vegetables have treated in a manner approved by the Director of Agriculture to kill all fruit fly larvae
	Taro and related plants	Planting Material

## 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 all

commodities

### 2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits and conditions of import may be requested from:

Director (Seed Certification & Plant Protection)  
No. 1, Sarasavi Mawatha, Peradeniya  
PO Box 74  
Phone: 08-388077, 08-388044  
Fax: 08- 388077  
E-mail: [scppc@slt.net.lk](mailto:scppc@slt.net.lk)

Or

Deputy Director (Plant Quarantine)  
National Plant Quarantine Service  
Canada Friendship Road  
Katunayaka  
Phone: 01-252028, 01-252029  
Fax: 01- 253709  
E-mail: [npqs@slt.net.lk](mailto:npqs@slt.net.lk)

Or for general import conditions refer url below:

[www.agridept.gov.lk](http://www.agridept.gov.lk)

## 2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

Phytosanitary certificates must be issued within 14 days prior to export.

Note:

1) The inspection date needs to be stated in the “Date of inspection” field on the phytosanitary certificate. This has been advised through commercial trade channels.

The inclusion of the inspection date is optional and is at the exporters own risk.

2) AD's given below are indicative only, and are provided to guide exporters on conditions that Sri Lanka have previously required. Exporters should refer to conditions identified upon their current phytosanitary import permit.

## 2.4 Quarantine Pests

Not specified by Sri Lanka

## **2.5 Inspection on Arrival**

All plant material will be subject to inspection upon arrival

## **2.6 Sampling Rate**

Not specified by Sri Lanka

## **2.7 Ports of Entry**

No plants shall be imported into Sri Lanka except through one of the following ports or places of entry:

- Colombo
- Galle
- Kankesanturei
- Katunayake
- Palaly
- Talaimannar
- Trincomalee

## **2.8 Transit Requirements**

Commodities normally prohibited entry to Sri Lanka may be inspected during transit.

## **2.9 Wood packaging**

Refer to forestry ICPR for Sri Lanka, link below:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/importing-countries-phytosanitary-requirements/forestry-icprs/sri-lanka/>

## **3 Commodity Class Requirements**

### **3.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

#### **3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

##### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.  
The additional declaration is required for fresh fruits.

Additional declaration for all fresh fruits:

The fruits have been produced in an area free from fruit flies of genera *Anastrepha*, *Ceratitis*, *Rhagoletis* and from fruit flies of *Bactrocera jarvisi*, *Bactrocera musae*, *Bactrocera neohumeralis*, *Bactrocera papayae*, *Bactrocera philippinensis* and *Bactrocera tryoni* as verified by an official survey and transferred to the ship in a manner to preclude infestation *en route*.

3.1.2 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.1.3 Dried Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

**3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

**3.3 Nursery Stock**

3.3.3 Whole Plants

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.3.4 Budwood and Cuttings

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

3.3.5 Bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers (for propagation)

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

### 3.4 Seeds (grain) and Nuts

#### 3.4.1 Seed (grain) and Nuts for Sowing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### 3.4.2 Seed (grain) and Nuts for Consumption

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### 3.4.3 Seed (grain) and Nuts for Processing

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

### 3.5 Growing Media and Packing Material

Conditions:

Not specified by Sri Lanka. Soil is prohibited.

## 4 Commodity Specific Requirements

Refer Section 3 for commodity class requirements

### 4.1 Fruit and Vegetables

#### 4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.1

Malus spp.

Apple

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declarations required.

Additional declarations:

The fruits have been produced in an area free from fruit flies of genera *Anastrepha*, *Ceratitis*, *Rhagoletis* and from fruit flies of *Bactrocera jarvisi*, *Bactrocera musae*, *Bactrocera neohumeralis*, *Bactrocera papayae*, *Bactrocera philippinensis* and *Bactrocera tryoni* as verified by an official survey and transferred to the ship in a manner to preclude infestation *en route*.

Allium cepa

Onion

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

#### 4.1.2 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.2

4.1.3 Dried 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**

4.3.1 Nursery Stock (General)

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.1

4.3.2 Whole Plants

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.2

4.3.3 Budwood and Cuttings

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.3

4.3.4 Bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers (for propagation)

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.4

*Solanum tuberosum*

Potato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declarations required.

Seed tubers must conform to the description of the variety stated on the certification labels. The maximum allowable varietal impurities is 1% by number on visual examination. Labelling shall indicate: lot number, variety, class of seed; tuber size; date certified; seed treatment; weight; location of production and year/season of production.

Additional declarations:

"Ring rot (*Clavibacter michiganensis sepedonicus*) (*Corynebacterium sepedonicum*), Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*), Andean potato weevil (*Premnotrypes* spp.) and Potato spindle tuber viroid are not known to occur in New Zealand"

and

"The consignment was grown in areas free of potato cyst nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis* and *Globodera pallida*) and black wart (*Synchytrium endobioticum*)"

and

"Potato tuber eelworm (*Ditylenchus destructor*) has not been recorded on potato in New Zealand"

and

"Bacterial wilt (*Pseudomonas solanacearum*) is not known to occur in the area of production"

and

"The consignment was inspected and found free of pink rot (*Phytophthora erythroseptica*)"

and

"The consignment is within the permitted tolerance (1%) for the presence of black leg disease (*Erwinia carotovora*), black scurf (*Rhizoctonia solani*), rubbery rot (*Geotrichum candidum*) and common scab (*Streptomyces scabies*)"

and

"Tubers have been post-harvest tested and less than 6% of the tubers carry virus infections."

and

"The consignment was inspected and found free of gangrene caused by *Phoma exigua* and *Verticillium wilt*"

and

"Tubers with wet rots and dry rots (not caused by *Synchytrium endobioticum*, *Clavibacter michiganensis sepedonicus* (*Corynebacterium sepedonicum*), and *Pseudomonas solanacearum*) do not exceed 1% of the weight of the consignment"

and

"Tubers with external defects do not exceed 1% of the weight of the consignment"

and

"The consignment has been treated with a broad spectrum fungicide"

and

"The consignment is practically free of soil and foreign material"

## **4.4 Seeds and Grain**

### **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