

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong
Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance, Chapter 207
Summary of Restriction (Without Legality)

Section 4(1) : No person shall import any plant specified in Part I of the First Schedule (viz. rubber, tree cotton, sterculia, cocoa, maize and tea) unless :-

- (a) it is accompanied by a Plant Import Licence;
- (b) it is fumigated or disinfected in the country of its origin;
- (c) it is accompanied by a valid Phytosanitary Certificate;
- (d) it is subject to post-entry quarantine observation.

Section 4(2) : No person shall import any plant specified in Part II of the First Schedule (viz. pineapple, citrus, sweet potato, banana, cotton, groundnut and rice) unless :-

- (a) it is accompanied by a Plant Import Licence;
- (b) it is accompanied by a valid Phytosanitary Certificate;
- (c) it is imported in accordance with conditions specified in Part II of the First Schedule and any other quarantine conditions imposed by the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation;

Section 4(3) : No person shall import any other plant unless it is accompanied by a Plant Import Licence and a valid Phytosanitary Certificate.

Section 5(a) : No Plant Import Licence or Phytosanitary Certificate is required for the import of :-

- (i) cut flowers;
- (ii) fruit and vegetables for consumption;
- (iii) grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or animal consumption or for industrial use;
- (iv) timber and timber products including rattan and bamboo;
- (v) dried tobacco and manufactured articles incorporating dried leaves;
- (vi) plants produced in and imported from any place in China outside Hong Kong.

Section 5(b) : No Plant Import Licence is required for import of seeds other than grains, pulses, seeds and spices for human or for animal consumption or for industrial use if they are accompanied by a valid Phytosanitary Certificate.

Section 7 & Section 8(1) : No person shall import any plant pest or soil (including earth, sand, clay and peat) except under authorization issued by the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation.

Section 8(2) : Soil imported from any place in China outside Hong Kong is exempted from control of the ordinance.

Section 23 : Any person who without reasonable excuses contravenes the Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

Note: For details please refer to the Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance, Chapter 207, Hong Kong Laws, obtainable from the Government Publications Sales Unit or contact Plant & Pesticides Regulatory Division at 5/F., Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Tel. (852) 2150 7000, Fax. (852) 2314 2622). In addition, relevant information can also be obtained through our Interactive Voice Processing System by calling 2708 8885 or downloaded from internet at the website : <http://www.afcd.gov.hk>