

Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ)

Technical Notice No. (23)
(17/09/2013)

**Import Phytosanitary Requirements and Specifications for the
Importation of Potatoes for Processing**

Based on,

- Agriculture law No. 53 for the year 1966;
- Ministerial Decree no. 3007 for the year 2001, concerning Egyptian plant quarantine regulations;
- Ministerial Decree no. 1156 for the year 2010 concerning import phytosanitary requirements of potato tubers; and
- International standards of phytosanitary measures of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), and agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS).

CAPQ decided the following,

The following conditions should be fulfilled during the inspection at the arrival ports of Egypt:

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a- Imported potato tubers shall be originated in **places of production** free from the following diseases and its pathogens; these places should be established according to the relevant international standards of phytosanitary measures:

- *Synchytrium endobioticum*
- *Clavibacter michiganensis* sub. sp. *sepdonicus*
- *Ralstonia solanacearum*

b- Imported potato tubers shall be originated in a country of origin where Potato Yellow Dwarf Virus and Phytoplasma do not occur.

c- Imported potato tubers shall be totally free from:

- *Globodera* spp.



- *Trichodorus* spp. and *Paratrichodorus* spp.
- *Dickeya solani*

d- Soil samples shall be taken from lots destined for export to Egypt before shipping and analyzed for absence of *Globodera* spp.

2- the total infection percentage shall not exceed 10% for potato tubers infected with all of the following diseases:

Fusarium oxysporum
Alternaria solani
Sclerotium rolfsii
Phytophthora infestans

3- Infestation with following diseases shall not exceed the indicated percentage opposite to each disease in the sample which represent the lot:

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| a) <i>Pectobacterium carotovorum</i> | 1% |
| b) <i>Spongospora subterranean</i> (severe infection covering the third of tuber surface) | 3% |
| c) <i>Streptomyces scabies</i> (severe infection covering the third of tuber surface) | 5% |
| d) <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> | 10% |
| e) Mechanical damage | 4 % |
| f) <i>Phoma</i> spp. | 1 % |

- 4- It is allowed to enter potato tubers containing irregular and surface injuries not exceeding 5%.
- 5- Quantity of soil stuck to potato tubers in each sack shall not exceed 1% by weight.
- 6- The potato tubers should be treated in the country of origin with recommended growth inhibitor. A treatment certificate (with all information about treatment, name and dose) shall be attached to the phytosanitary certificate. After inspection at the point of arrival, If the treatment did not take place at the country of origin, or the importer could not prove the treatment, the treatment shall be



carried out at the importer warehouses under complete supervision of plant quarantine authorities.

7- The phytosanitary certificate shall include the following additional declaration:

"The potato tubers comply with Egyptian plant quarantine regulations and the technical requirements stated by Technical Notice No. 23 dated 17/09/2013 the tubers had been treated with growth inhibitor (name..... and dose.....) and it is not intended for cultivation".

8- The importation shall take place from August to October and it should not interfere with the importation of seed potatoes.

9- The potato tubers shall be imported in special packages with a label on one side have the statement (ليست لاغراض الزراعة) in Arabic (which mean: not intended for cultivation), the other side of package shall bear a label stating the exporter, variety, grower number or field code number. A third label have the statement (ليست لاغراض الزراعة) in Arabic shall be put inside the package itself.

10- All quarantine procedures shall be applied under complete supervision of plant quarantine committees for inspection and check warehouses, transportation, storing, processing, waste destroying...etc.

11- A commitment shall be taken from the importer confirming that the potatoes would not be used or traded as potato seeds .

