

(Unofficial Translation)

Notification of Department of Agriculture
Re: Conditions for Import of Kratom Seeds B.E. 2565 (2022)

The Department of Agriculture has completed pest risk analysis for commercial importation of kratom seeds.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 8(2) and Section 10 of the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (1964) amended by the Plant Quarantine Act (No.3) B.E. 2551 (2008) The Director-General of Department of Agriculture through the recommendation of the Plant Quarantine Committee hereby announces phytosanitary import requirements of kratom seeds for sowing as follow:

1. This notification shall be called “Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for Import of Kratom Seeds B.E. 2565 (2022).”

2. This notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.¹

3. **Permitted Plant Species**

Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) seeds

4. **Permitted Country**

All countries

5. **Quarantine Pests of Concern**

A list of quarantine pests of concern to the Kingdom of Thailand for kratom seeds is given in the **Annex**.

¹ The Government Gazette: Vol. 139, Special Part 129 D, Page 30-32, Date 8 June 2022

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6. Import Permit

Import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture (DOA) is required.

7. Means of Conveyance

Kratom seeds must be imported from a port in any country to a port in the Kingdom of Thailand by air cargo.

8. Requirements for Importation

8.1 Kratom seeds must be non-genetically modified organisms.

8.2 The shipment must be packed in new, clean packaging and free of live insects, soil, sand, contaminant seeds, other plant materials (including leaf, stem material, fruit pulp, pod material) and animal materials (including animal faeces and feathers).

9. Phytosanitary Certification

A phytosanitary certificate (PC) or a re-export phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization from the exporting country is required. The original copy must accompany every consignment to the Kingdom of Thailand.

10. Import inspection

10.1 When the consignments arrive at the point of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the import inspection must be conducted after confirming the respective documents accompanying the consignments concerned.

10.2 DOA reserved the right to have the consignment re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses, if non-compliance with documentary and phytosanitary import requirements is identified.

10.3 All consignments must be inspected for the presence of live insects, disease symptoms and contamination (contaminant seed, soil particles and animal and plant material) when arrive at the point of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand. Subsequently, a representative sample must be drawn and submitted a designated laboratory for further analysis. The consignment must be held under quarantine pending results of the analysis.

10.4 If genetically modified kratom seeds are found, the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses.

- 10.5 If quarantine pests of Thailand concern as stipulate in the **Annex** are found, the consignment must be treated with an appropriated treatment (if available), re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses
- 10.6 If the consignments are frequently found to be non-compliance with phytosanitary import requirements or other cases, DOA may suspend, terminate or impose additional specific import conditions from a certain country as the **Annex** of this notification.
- 10.7 If live pests not listed in the **Annex**, other organisms or contaminants which potentially pose a phytosanitary risk to the Kingdom of Thailand are found, the pests, other organisms or contaminants must be handled with an appropriate procedure (if available) as the case may be, or re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expense. The DOA reserved the right to temporary suspension of import from the identified pathway until a risk assessment of intercepted organisms is determined.

Issued on 7 June B.E. 2565 (2022)

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List of Quarantine Pests of Kratom seeds
Attached to the Notification of Department of Agriculture
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Scientific name	Common name
Insect	
Order Coleoptera	
Family Dermestidae	
<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>	khapra beetle
<i>Trogoderma variabile</i>	warehouse beetle
Order Lepidoptera	
Family Pyralidae	
<i>Plodia interpunctella</i>	Indianmeal moth