

Decree Nr. 781/1
Concerning import of seeds for planting purposes (except potato)

The Minister of Agriculture,

Based on Decree Nr 5818 dated 13.6.2011 (forming of the Government)

Based on Law Nr 31 dated 18.01.1955 and its amendments (specifying the role of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Based on legislative law Nr. 97 dated 16/9/1983 (merger of public establishment with Ministry of Agriculture and re-organization of ministry of Agriculture)

Based on Decree Nr 5246 dated 20.6.1994 (organization of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Based on Law Nr 778 dated 28.11.2006 (Plant Quarantine & Phytosanitary Measures)

And given the importance of taking necessary measures to prohibit the entry and dissemination of quarantine pests by regulating the import of seeds for planting purposes,

And after analysis of principles adopted by concerned authorities in other countries,

Based on the study established by the Agricultural Resources Directorate on 8.6.2010 under Nr 1160/4

Based on the recommendation of the Director General of the Ministry by interim

Decreases the following :

Article 1: Seeds for planting purposes including Forages, Fodder and Sugar beet, Legumes and Vegetables – except potato- imported to Lebanon are subject to an **Import License**.

Article 2: Import License request are to be remitted to the Agricultural Resources Directorate as per attached specimen (annex Nr.1).

Article 3: Each consignment of imported seeds for planting purposes should be accompanied by following documents:

- 1- Original Import License.
- 2- Copy of **Certificate of Origin** or its equivalent
- 3- Original **Phytosanitary Certificate** issued by official Authority for Plant Quarantine in country of origin complying with International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures Nr.12 issued by the International Organization for Plant Protection. Name of fungicide used to treat seeds must to be mentioned in the designated case except for seeds designated for organic production.
- ~~4- Additional declaration to Phytosanitary Certificate assuring that seeds were inspected and tested during production period and found free from quarantine and non-quarantine pests and viruses.~~
- 5- Certificate of Analysis and results in line with international standards for quality for seeds (as mentioned in Annex 2 of this decree) mentioning the seeds lot number. Certificate to be either
 - **An Orange Certificate of analysis issued by ISTA.**

- A Certificate issued by a laboratory accredited by ISTA or the International Organization for standardization (17025)
- A Certificate issued by a laboratory accredited by the Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture (NA1) (mod. by 1083/2011)
- 6- Copy of **Airway Bill and Packing List.**
- 7- **Declaration** issued by the producer insuring that imported goods are not harmful for human and animal health or environment, and that goods are not genetically modified.

Article 4: Each packed seeds unit should have an English or French Label showing following:

- Species and Variety
- Name of producing company
- Country of Origin
- Lot Number
- Germination percentage
- Purity percentage
- Date of production
- Seeds weight and/or seeds count
- Name of active ingredient of pesticides used for Seeds treatment
- For Fodder beet & Sugar beet seeds, to be mentioned whether seeds are fine or lead treated or monogerm.
- Name and address of importer.
- Additional information could be added for guiding purposes related to growth stages, harvest periods, growing conditions (open field or greenhouses), product marketing or processing specifications, resistance to parasites or diseases, special growing requirements, storage conditions...

Article 5: Import License remains valid for three months. No new Import License to be delivered unless concerned parties present a nominal list showing all growers (or others) having received seeds of previous consignment.

Article 6: To be published and enters into force after 90 days from date of publish.
To be notified wherever needed

Beirut, *26th August 2011*
Minister of Agriculture
Dr. Hussein Hajj **Hassan**

Further modifications by Decree Nr. 1038/1 of 2011, Article 1 Points 3 and 4:

- 3- Seeds imported for experimental purposes and amateurs' seeds are exempted from the regulations of Decree No. 781/1 except:
 - original Import License,
 - original Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Official Authority for Plant Quarantine in the country of origin complying with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 12 issued by the International Plant Protection Organization.
- 4- Imported seeds having a value less than one million Lebanese pounds for a single commercial name from one country of origin and once a year are exempted from the requirements of Point 5 of Article 3 (ISTA and similar).

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ملحق رقم ٢ -

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I - Seed standards for Vegetable seeds

I - 1- Analytical parameters

Analytical parameters as defined by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA rules)			Scientific name	SPECIES
Minimum analytical purity (% by weight)	Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (% by weight)	Minimum germination (% clusters or pure seed)		
96	0,5	70	<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>	Asparragus
98	0,1	75	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Bean
95	1	70	<i>Scorzonera hispanica</i>	Black Salsify
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Broccoli,
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Brussels sprouts
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Cabbage
96	0,5	65	<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>	Cardoon
95	1	65	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Carrot
97	1	70	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Cauliflower
97	1	70	<i>Apium graveolens</i>	Celery
97	1	75	<i>Brassica pekinensis</i>	Chinese cabbage
98	0,1	80	<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Cucumber
96	0,5	65	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	Eggplant
95	1	65	<i>Cichorium endivia</i>	Endive
98	0,1	80	<i>Vicia faba</i>	Faba bean
96	1	70	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Kohlrabi
97	0,5	65	<i>Allium porrum</i>	Leek
95	0,5	75	<i>Lactuca sativa</i>	Lettuce
98	0,1	75	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	Marrow,
98	0,1	75	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	Melon
97	0,5	70	<i>Allium cepa</i>	Onion
97	1	65	<i>Petroselinum crispum</i>	Parsley
98	0,1	80	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	Pea
97	0,5	65	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	Pepper
98	0	90	<i>Zea mays</i>	Pop corn
97	1	70	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Radish
97	0,5	70	<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	Red Beet
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Red cabbage
97	1	75	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	Savoy cabbage
97	1	75	<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>	Spinach
98	0	90	<i>Zea mais</i>	Sweet corn
97	0,5	75	<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i>	Tomato
97	1	80	<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Turnip
98	0,1	75	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	Water melon

II - Seed standards for forage and grasses seeds

II – 1 Analytical parameters

Germination as defined by ISTA rules		Analytical purity as defined by ISTA rules										SPECIES
Minimum germination (% pure seed)	Maximum content of hard seed (% of pure seed)	Minimum analytical purity (% by weight)	Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (% by weight)					Maximum content of seeds of other plant species in a sample of the weight specified in column A below				
			Total	A single species	<i>Agropyron repens</i>	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	<i>Melilotus spp</i>	Column A Weight in g	<i>Avena fatua</i> , <i>Avena ludoviciana</i> , <i>Avena sterilis</i>	<i>Cuscuta spp</i>	<i>Rumex spp</i> other than <i>R. acetosella</i> and <i>R. maritimus</i>	
80	40	97	1.5	1			0.3	50	0	0	10	<i>Medicago sativa</i>
80	5	98	0.5	0.3			0.3		0	0	5	<i>Vicia faba</i>
75		96	1.5	1	0.5	0.3		60	0	0	5	<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>
80		96	1.5	1	0.5	0.3		60	0	0	5	<i>Lolium perenne</i>
80		95	1.5	1	0.5	0.3		50	0	0	5	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>
75		85	2	1	0.3	0.3		1000	0	0	2	<i>Poa pratensis</i>

III- Seed standards for fodder beet and sugar beet seeds

III - 1- Analytical parameters

Germination parameters			Analytical purity			SEED	SPECIES
Maximum percentage of clusters giving 3 or more seedlings	Minimum percentage of germinated clusters giving a single seedling	Minimum germination (% clusters or pure seed)	Minimum analytical purity (% by weight)	Maximum content of seeds of other plant species (% by weight)	Maximum moisture content (% by weight)		
5	90	80	97	0.3	15	Monogerm seed	SUGAR BEET
5	70	75	97	0.3	15	Precision seed	
-	-	73	97	0.3	15	Natural seed of varieties with more than 85% diploids	
-	-	68	97	0.3	15	Natural seed of varieties with 15 % or more triploids and tetraploids	
-	-	73	97	0.3	15	Natural seed of varieties with more than 85% diploids	FODDER BEET
5	58	73	97	0.3	15	Precision seed of varieties with more than 85% diploids	
-	-	68	97	0.3	15	Natural seed of varieties with 15 % or more triploids and tetraploids	
5	63	68	97	0.3	15	Precision seed of varieties with 15 % or more triploids and tetraploids	