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## Ordinance on the Enforcement of the Plant Protection Act

### ORDINANCE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, JUNE 30, 1950 NO. 73

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#### Chapter 2 Inspection of Imported Plants

##### Quarantine pests

##### Article 3

Harmful animals or harmful plants specified by the Act of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Article 5-2 (Quarantine Pests) Paragraph 1 item 1 are set forth in annexed Table 1.

##### Plants that do not require a phytosanitary certificate

##### Article 4

Plants not used for cultivation under Article 6 (Limitation on Import), Paragraph 1 of the Act and specified by the Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as least liable to be infested with quarantine pests are as follows. However, this shall not apply to plants that are intended for the use as fertilizers, animal feeds and other production materials for agriculture and forestry OR plants that are provided in Item 14 and Item 15 of the annexed Table 2 of the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

- (i) Dried and compressed plants
- (ii) Dried and chopped plants (excluding Senna stem (*Cassia acutifolia*), orange fruits and peels (*Citrus sinensis*), and cassava roots (*Manihot esculenta*))
- (iii) Dried and crushed or smashed plants (excluding orange and tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*) fruits, and cassava roots)
- (iv) Dried plants that have not been compressed, chopped, crushed or smashed. However, in addition to woods, plant parts as described below are excluded from the dried plants:

English name/Scientific name	Excluded parts
a) <i>Pinus pinea</i>	Leaf, branch and bark
b) <i>Eucalyptus stuartiana</i>	Leaf, branch, flower and fruit
c) <i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Leaf, branch, flower and fruit
d) Egoma ( <i>Perilla ocimoides</i> )	Seed
e) Cacao ( <i>Theobroma cacao</i> )	Seed
f) <i>Castanea crenata</i>	Chestnut (excluding peeled chestnut)

g)	Bubinga ( <i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> )	Bark
h)	Coriander ( <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> )	Leaf and seed
i)	Peruvian pepper ( <i>Schinus mole</i> )	Leaf, branch, flower and fruit
j)	Sesame ( <i>Sesamum indicum</i> )	Seed
k)	Pomegranate ( <i>Punica granatum</i> )	Fruit
l)	Sugar pine ( <i>Pinus lambertiana</i> )	Leaf, branch and bark
m)	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	Fruit
n)	Rapeseed ( <i>Brassica napus</i> ssp. <i>Oleifera</i> )	Seed
o)	Senna ( <i>Cassia acutifolia</i> )	Leaf
p)	Tamarind ( <i>Tamarindus indica</i> )	Fruit
q)	<i>Castanea mollissima</i>	Chestnut (excluding peeled chestnut)
r)	<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	Seed
s)	Black cumin ( <i>Nigella sativa</i> )	Seed
t)	<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>	Leaf and stem
u)	<i>Pinus maritima</i>	Leaf, branch and bark
v)	Caraway ( <i>Carum carvi</i> )	Seed
w)	Brazil nut tree ( <i>Bertholletia excelsa</i> )	Nut (excluding peeled nut)
x)	<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i>	Flower and seed
y)	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	Leaf and seed
z)	<i>Terminalia catappa</i>	Leaf, branch and flower
aa)	<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Fruit
bb)	Common beech ( <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> )	Leaf, branch and flower
cc)	Horse radish tree ( <i>Moringa oleifera</i> )	Leaf and fruit
dd)	Walnut ( <i>Juglans</i> sp.)	Shelled walnut
ee)	Chenopodiaceae	Seed
ff)	Gramineae	Seed (excluding malt)
gg)	Polygonaceae	Seed
hh)	Amaranthaceae	Seed
ii)	Leguminosae	Seed
(v)	Frozen plants (excluding shelled walnut)	

### Designated items subject to quarantine

#### Article 5

**Article 5.** The designated items prescribed by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as those likely to be contaminated with quarantine pests according to Article 6 [Import Restrictions] Paragraph 1 of the Act are as follows (used items only):

- (i) machinery used for agriculture, horticulture or forestry (only those used for land preparation or cultivation);
- (ii) grass cutters, hay making machines, straw or pasture balers, harvesters or threshers used for agriculture;
- (iii) agricultural tractors.

## **Plants, etc. that require inspection for conformity with requirements**

### **Article 5-2**

(1) The areas, plants or items subject to quarantine and requirements prescribed by the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under Article 6 [Import Restrictions] Paragraph 2 of the Act are as set forth in Appendix 1-2 .

(2) The plants listed in the preceding paragraph that need to be inspected during cultivation shall be limited to those cultivated in the areas specified in the same paragraph.

### **Entry points**

#### **Article 6**

Ports and aerodromes in Paragraph 3 of Article 6 [Import Restrictions] of the Act shall be the ports listed in Item 1 and aerodromes listed in Items 2 and 3. However, with regard to the aerodrome listed in Item 3, it shall be limited to cases where plants or quarantine-designated articles are imported with them.

- (i) Monbetsu Port, Abashiri Port, Nemuro Port, Hanasaki Port, Kushiro Port, Tokachi Port, Tomakomai Port, Muroran Port, Hakodate Port, Otaru Port, Ishikari Bay Port, Rumoi Port, Wakkanai Port, Aomori Port, Hachinohe Port, Kuji Port, Miyako Port, Kamaishi Port, Ofunato Port, Ishinomaki Port, Sendai Shiogama Port, Akita Funakawa Port, Noshiro Port, Sakata Port, Soma Port, Onahama Port, Hitachi Port, Hitachinaka Port, Kashima Port, Kisarazu Port Port, Chiba Port, Keihin Port, Yokosuka Port, Himekawa Port, Naoetsu Port, Kashiwazaki Port, Niigata Port, Fushiki-Toyama Port, Nanao Port, Kanazawa Port, Uchiura Port, Tsuruga Port, Fukui Port, Tagoura Port, Shimizu Port, Omaezaki Port, Mikawa Port, Kinuura Port, Nagoya Port, Yokkaichi Port, Tsu Port, Maizuru Port, Hannan Port, Hanshin Port, Himeji Port, Shingu Port, Hidaka Port, Wakayama Shimotsu Port, Tottori Port, Sakai Port, Misumi Port, Hamada Port, Uno Port, Mizushima Port, Fukuyama Port, Onomichi Itosaki Port, Takehara Port, Kure Port, Hiroshima Port, Iwakuni Port, Hirao Port, Tokuyama Shimomatsu Port, Mitajiri Nakanoseki Port, Yamaguchi Port, Ube Port, Kanmon Port, Tokushima Komatsushima Port, Takuma Port, Marugame Port, Sakaide Port, Takamatsu Port, Uwajima Port, Matsuyama Port, Imabari Port, Niihama Port, Mishima Kawanoe Port, Kochi Port, Suzaki Port, Hakata Port, Kanda Port, Miike Port, Karatsu Port, Imari Port, Nagasaki Port, Sasebo Port, Hidakatsu Port, Itsukuba Port, Minamata Port, Yatsushiro Port, Triangle Port, Kumamoto Port, Nakatsu Port, Oita Port, Saiki Port, Hososhima Port, Aburatsu Port, Shibushi Port, Kagoshima Port, Kawauchi Port, Yonotsu Port, Kanabu Nakagusuku Port, Naha Port, Hirara Port, Ishigaki Port
- (ii) Asahikawa Airport, New Chitose Airport, Hakodate Airport, Aomori Airport, Sendai Airport, Akita Airport, Fukushima Airport, Hyakuri Airfield, Narita International Airport, Tokyo International Airport, Niigata Airport, Toyama Airport, Komatsu Airfield, Shizuoka Airport, Nagoya Airport, Central Japan International Airport, Kansai International Airport, Osaka International Airport, Kobe Airport, Miho Airfield, Okayama Airport, Hiroshima Airport, Takamatsu Airport, Matsuyama Airport, Kitakyushu Airport, Fukuoka Airport, Nagasaki Airport, Kumamoto Airport, Oita Airport, Miyazaki Airport, Kagoshima Airport, Naha Airport, Kadena Airfield
- (iii) Kushiro Airport, Obihiro Airport, Hanamaki Airport, Yamagata Airport, Shonai Airport, Tottori Airport, Izumo Airport, Yamaguchi Ube Airport, Tokushima Aerodrome, Kochi Airport, Saga Airport, Shimojijima Airport, New Ishigaki Airport.

**Special uses provided for in the Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**  
**Article 6-2**

The special uses set forth in the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 7 [Import Prohibition] of the Act shall be as follows

- (i) to exhibit or keep as specimens in museums, botanical gardens, or other public facilities;
- (ii) to use as evidence in criminal investigations;
- (iii) to be used for the breeding of cucurbit flies for the purpose of producing cucurbit flies that have been rendered incapable of reproduction for the purpose of controlling cucurbit flies;
- (iv) to be used for inspections pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 4 [Authority of Plant Protection Officer] of the Act, Article 8 [Inspection of Imported Plants, etc.] and Article 10 [Inspection of Exported Plants, etc.] of the Act;
- (v) use for surveys pursuant to the provisions of Article 16-7 [Invasion Survey Business] of the Act;
- (vi) to be used for reporting pursuant to the provisions of Article 16-8 [Duty to Report] of the Act.

**Application for import permission for prohibited items, etc.**

**Article 7**

(1) An application for permission under paragraph (2) of Article 7 [Import Prohibition] of the Act shall be filed by submitting a written application (Form No. 2) to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries via the plant protection station having jurisdiction over the place of residence of the person who intends to obtain such permission.

(2) In the event that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries grants permission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 7 of the Act, he/she shall issue to such applicant an import permit voucher (Form No. 3) and an import permit order for Import Prohibited Articles (Form No. 3-2).

(3) Any person who has received the import permit under the preceding paragraph shall send it to the sender and have it attached to each package of such import-prohibited goods for shipment.

(4) In the event that the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries orders destruction or other necessary measures pursuant to the provision of paragraph 6 of Article 7 of the Act, he/she shall issue a written order for destruction, etc. of import-prohibited articles (Form No. 3-3).

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**Import prohibited areas and prohibited plants**

**Article 9**

The areas and plants specified by the Act of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Article 7 [Prohibition on importation] Paragraph 1, Item 1 shall be as follows.

- (i) areas and plants listed in annexed Table 2;
- (ii) areas and plants listed in annexed Table 2-2 (excluding those that comply with the requirements listed in the same table);
- (iii) areas and plants listed in Table 1-2 (limited to those that need to be inspected in the process of cultivation and are not cultivated in the areas listed in the same table).

## **Application for Import Inspection**

### **Article 10**

Any person who intends to import plants, items subject to quarantine or import-prohibited items shall submit an application for inspection (Form No. 4) to the plant protection officer without delay after the vessel (aircraft) loaded with such plants, items subject to quarantine or import-prohibited items enters (lands) port, except in the case specified in Paragraph 1 of Article 8 [Imported Plants, etc. Inspection] of the Act. The same shall apply hereinafter.

### **Place and Date of Inspection**

#### **Article 11**

The plant protection officer shall notify the applicant in advance of the place where the inspection is to be conducted and the date of inspection when the application under Article 10 is made.

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### **Seeds and Seedlings Specified by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)**

#### **Article 14**

Seeds and seedlings referred to in paragraph 7 of Article 8 [Inspection of Imported Plants, etc.] of the Act are specified as follows. However, those which are exported as they are without being cultivated after importation shall be excluded.

- (i) bulbs of lily, tubers, hyacinth, etc.;
- (ii) tuber of potato and sweet potato;
- (iii) fruit tree saplings of citrus, apple, pear, chestnut, and other fruit trees;
- (iv) fresh stems, leaves and underground parts of sugarcane.

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