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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 34 of 2022

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 86 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 19th February, 2022)

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the **Citation.**

BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (SERVICE FEES) REGULATIONS, 2022.

2. –(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires– **Interpretation.**

"Authority" means the Belize Agricultural Health Authority established under section 3 of the Act; **CAP. 211.**

"accredit" or "accredited" means officially recognized by the competent authority to certify, inspect or audit the quality, diagnostic or calibration laboratory, and to verify in the national environ, the compliance of technical conditions and requirements required for the functioning of the entities responsible for control and verifications of sanitary and Phytosanitary measures;

"Biosecurity" means a set of management and physical measures designed to reduce the risk of introduction, establishment and

spread of animal diseases and plant pests, infections or infestations to, from and within an animal population or plant system, respectively;

"cargo vessel" means any conveyance carrying commodities from one place to another; "certificate" means an official document which attests to the sanitary or phytosanitary status of any consignment affected by sanitary or phytosanitary regulations; "certification" means the procedure by which official certification bodies or officially recognized certification bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that foods or food control systems confirm with requirements. Certification of food may, as appropriate, be based on a range of inspection activities which may include continuous online inspections, auditing of quality assurance systems, and examination of finished products;

"Clearance" means the release of regulated commodities or products from quarantine after inspection, testing or treatment;

"commodity" means any type of plant, animal, their products and byproducts, or other article being moved for trade or other purpose;

"consignment" means a quantity of plants, plant products, animal and animal products or other regulated commodity being moved from one country or region to another;

"consignment in transit" means a consignment that is not imported into a country but passes through it to another country, subject to official procedures which ensure that it remains enclosed, and is not split up, or combined with other consignments or has its packaging changed;

"construction material" includes cement, steel, plywood, fibre-cement, stone, sand, gravel, ceramic tiles, cement blocks, ceramic bricks, marble stones, granite and any other like material;

"carrier" means any vessel, aircraft, vehicle, cart, container, animal or other thing that can convey plants, plant products, animal, animal products, carcass, biologics, veterinary drugs pests, beneficial organisms, or other commodity from one place to another;

"cruise ship" means a ship carrying fare-paying passengers on a tour and calling on a port in Belize;

"cut flowers and branches" means a class of commodity of fresh parts of plants intended for decorative use and not for planting;

"designated officer" means a person employed and/or accredited to carry out the functions of the Authority;

"entry" means, in relation to a consignment, movement through any official designated point of entry into the territory of Belize;

"exporter" means anyone who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent, broker or otherwise, is in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody of any plant, plant product, animal, animal product, pest, beneficial organism or other regulated article landed or likely to be landed in any country or region other than Belize;

"floral arrangement" means a regulated commodity which is made of flowers or flora with greens and placed in a proper order or in a correct or suitable sequence or adjustment and includes bouquets;

"greens" means and includes ferns, stems, leaves, grass and branches;

"import" means bringing into Belize by any means whatever;

"importer" means any person who, whether as owner, consignor, consignee, agent, broker or otherwise, is in

possession of, or in control of, in any way entitled to the custody of any plant, plant product, animal, animal product,

"import permit" mean an official Belize Agricultural Health Authority document authorizing the importation of a commodity in accordance with specified sanitary and/or phytosanitary requirement;

"inspection" means official visual examination of plants, plant products, animals, animal products or other regulated articles to determine if pests or diseases are present and/or to determine compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary regulations;

"large yacht" means a vessel measuring fifty (50) feet or more in length and/or ten (10) feet or more in width; 'non-commercial purposes" means the use of imported commodities or products for purposes other than for sale to the general public;

"normal working hours" means the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday in each week, except on a bank or public holiday;

"point of entry" means any airport, seaport or land border point officially designated for the importation of consignments, and/or entrance of passengers;

"quarantine" means the measure or action by which the Authority may release regulated commodities or products from biosecurity control after inspection and determination of compliance with import requirements or determine the actions required such as: retention, testing , observation, isolation, research, treatment, confiscation , destruction, or return to origin;

"regulated commodity" means any restricted article, animal, animal products, litter, biological or animal feed, veterinary

drugs, veterinary biologicals, veterinary pesticides, food, commodity, storage place, packaging, carrier, container, soil and any organism, object or material capable of resulting in the entry, harbouring or spreading of pests or diseases;

"sanitary and phytosanitary measure" include all relevant laws, decrees, regulations, requirements and procedures including, inter alia, end product criteria, processes and production methods; testing, inspection, certification and approval procedures; quarantine treatments including relevant requirements associated with the transport of animals or plants, or with the materials necessary for their survival during transport; provisions on relevant statistical methods, sampling procedures and methods of risk assessment; and packaging and labelling requirements directly related to food safety;

"small aircraft" means an aircraft having a maximum take-off weight less than 12,500 pounds (5,760 kilograms), that is designed to carry a small number of passengers or a small amount of goods;

"small yacht" means a vessel measuring less than fifty (50) feet in length and/or less than ten (10) feet in width;

"station" means the place where a designated officer is assigned to remain or work

"wood packaging material" means wood, dunnage or wood products, excluding paper products, used in supporting, protecting or carting a commodity.

(2) The words and expressions used in these Regulations shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act unless such words and expressions are defined in sub-regulation (1). CAP. 211.

Export Certification.

3. –(1) All exports which require certification shall be inspected by a designated officer prior to the issuance of a Sanitary, International Veterinary Certificate, Phytosanitary Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-Export."

(2) Every exporter of a commercial commodity or his authorized agent shall ensure that all necessary information including sanitary or phytosanitary requirements of the importing country, are presented to the designated officer not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the inspection date.

(3) The Authority shall only certify commodities that–

(a) are fully compliant with the certification process of the authority; and

(b) meet the sanitary and/or the phytosanitary requirement of the importing country.

(4) Where a certification process entails sampling, testing or treatment every exporter or authorized agent shall–

(a) provide free samples to the Authority;

(b) provide free access to the Authority to collect the samples and conduct the certification process; and

(c) pay the fees as applicable in Schedule I, II and III–

(i) for sampling;

(ii) for testing;

(iii) for treatment; and

(iv) associated with inspection and issuance of the specific export certificate or Certificate of Treatment, where applicable.

(5) Every exporter of a consignment, or his authorized agents, shall pay the authority the fees set out in Schedules I, II and III for the issuance of a Sanitary, International Veterinary Certificate, Phytosanitary Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate for Re- Export. Schedules I, II and III.

(6) All fees payable under this Regulation shall be borne by the exporter and paid to the designated officer upon completion of the inspection or to the Authority at any of their offices throughout the country of Belize.

(7) Where there are no provisions for the issuance of Sanitary Certificates this Regulation shall apply and shall be read and construed together with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Food Safety) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 25 of 2001) and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Fish and Fisheries Products Inspection) Regulations, 2001 (S.I. 173 of 2001). S.I. 25/2001. S.I 173/2001.

(8) A mileage fee of one dollar and seventy-five cents (BZ $1.75) per miles shall be paid to the Authority for field inspections in respect of the issuance of the certificates referred to in this Regulation.

(9) Fees for inspection at packing and processing facilities shall be as prescribed in Schedule I, II, and III. Schedules I, II and III.

(10) All exporters are required to register annually with the Authority and pay the prescribed fee set out in Schedules I, II, and III. Schedules I, II and III.

(11) All fees payable under this Regulation shall be paid immediately to the designated Officer or to the Authority at any of their offices throughout the country of Belize upon

completion of the inspection or the issuance of the relevant certificate, as the case may be.

Boarding etc of vessels.

4.-(1) Every shipping agent, owner of a vessel, and any owner of a private marina or his authorized agent shall inform a Quarantine Inspector of scheduled arrivals of vessels coming from international ports within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival of such vessels.

(2) No permission to land shall be granted unless a ship inspection has been conducted by a designated officer and his findings indicate full compliance with the Sanitary and Phytosanitary regulations of Belize.

(3) Prior to the boarding of sea vessels every owner, captain of a vessel or his authorized agent shall present to the Quarantine Inspector the following documents-

(a) cargo manifest;

(b) packing list;

(c) container list;

(d) passenger list;

(e) stores list; and

Schedule IV.

(f) the NIL list prescribed in Schedule IV; and

(g) any other document deemed necessary.

(4) Every owner of a vessel, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the fees for boarding and quarantine inspection of the vessel as prescribed in Schedule V.

Schedule V.

(5) The inspection fee shall run form the time the designated officer leaves his station until the time he returns

to his station and any additional fee incurred shall be borne by the Captain or Owner of the vessel.

(6) The owner or captain of a vessel shall make payments directly to the designated officer conducting the quarantine inspection.

5. –(1) Every airline representative, owner of an aircraft, and private dispatching agent shall inform the designated officer of scheduled arrivals at the international airport within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival. **Boarding etc. of aircraft.**

(2) Prior to boarding any aircraft, any airline representative, owner of the aircraft or his authorized agent shall present the following documents to the Quarantine Inspector–

(a) cargo manifest;

(b) packing list;

(c) passenger list; and

(d) any other documents deemed necessary.

(3) Every owner of an aircraft or his authorized agent, or airline representative shall pay the fees stipulated in Schedule V to the Authority for boarding and quarantine inspection of such aircraft.". **Schedule V.**

(4) The owner of the aircraft or his authorized agent, or airline representative shall pay the certified transportation expenses of the designated officer.

(5) The inspection fees referred to in Schedule V shall run from the time the designated officer leaves his station until the time he returns to his station. **Schedule V.**

(6) Where an inspection has to be conducted outside of normal working hours, the owner of the aircraft or his authorized agent; or airline representative shall pay to the Authority the fees associated with the inspection of the aircraft including an overtime rate of BZ $45.00 per hour per designated officer on duty.

(7) The owner of an aircraft or pilot shall pay the designated officer conducting the quarantine inspection directly

Import permit.

6. –(1) Any person desiring to import any regulated commodity into Belize shall apply for an import permit for such commodity or product.

(2) No person shall import any commodity unless such person possesses a valid import permit from the Belize Agricultural health Authority.

(3) Any person desiring to import any commodity into Belize shall pay the Authority an import permit application fee as prescribed in Schedules I, II and III.

Schedules I, II and III.

(4) Fees associated with the registration of veterinary drugs, veterinary biologics, veterinary pesticides and animal fee shall be as prescribed in Schedules I.

Schedule I.

(5) Fees associated with post entry quarantine shall be as prescribed in Schedules I, II and III; any additional fees incurred shall be paid to the Authority by the owner or his authorized agent upon receipt of an official bill.

Schedules I, II and II.

Import risk analysis.

7.– (1) The Authority shall conduct an import risk analysis if–

(a) a commodity has never been previously imported into Belize;

(b) a commodity originates from a country or a region not previously approved;

(c) a commodity originates, comes from or passes through a county or region whose health status changes or is not known to the Authority;

(d) there is new information on a particular pest or disease;

(e) the validity of the certification period for a facility or regulated product has expired; or

(f) based on the availability of new scientific information, the Authority deems it necessary.

(2) An importer shall provide supporting evidence on an export commodity to the Authority for the determination on the level of risk to Belize.

(3) Every import risk analysis conducted under regulation 7(1) shall incur a fee of one thousand dollars (BZ $1,000.00) payable to the Authority upon application.

(4) Where an import risk analysis requires inspection in a foreign country in accordance with regulations prescribed therefor, the interested parties shall bear all expenses associated with the inspection as prescribed in Schedule VI. Schedule VI.

Inspection of imported commodities.

8.-(1) Every imported commodity shall be inspected by a designated officer to determine if a landing permit shall be issued for such commodity.

(2) The cost of quarantine clearance and any sanitary or phytosanitary measure required subsequent to the inspection shall be borne by the importer.

(3) The importer of a commodity referred to in sub-regulation (1) shall pay the Authority the fees prescribed in Schedule V for quarantine inspection.

Schedule V.

(4) Where a commodity is non-compliant with import conditions the Authority shall confiscate, destroy or cause them to be returned to the country of origin at the owner's expense.

(5) Governmental bodies, qualifying governmental organizations or statutory bodies importing a commodity for non-commercial purposes may apply to the Managing Director for a waiver of fees prescribed in these regulations.

In transit commodities.

9.-(1) Every commodity which is in transit through Belize shall require an import permit.

(2) The owner of such commodity or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority the fees for quarantine inspection prescribed in Schedule V.

Schedule V.

(3) The fees shall be paid promptly to the Authority before the inspection.

(4) Every owner of a commodity referred to in sub-regulation (1) or his authorized agent, shall pay any other expenses of the designated officer incurred in carrying out his duties under this Regulation.

(5) The expression "other expenses' referred to in sub-regulation (4) includes transportation, overtime, subsistence and accommodation expense incurred by the designated officer during the process of traveling from the point of entry to the point of departure in Belize, including the commercial free zones as well as costs associated to emergency response and risk mitigation that may occur during transit of the commodity.

Out of port inspection.

10.-(1)Every container or vessel, carrying any commodity which requires quarantine inspection at a private warehouse or storage facility and for which Customs entry forms have been stamped "VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIRED," shall not be allowed to leave any air, sea or land port unless accompanied by a Container Application Form from the Authority and a designated officer.

Schedule VII.

(2) The importer of a commodity, or his authorized agent shall pay the Authority a fee of forty-five dollars ($45.00) per hour for the inspection of such commodity and other expenses incurred in the delivery of such services.

Quarantine treatment.

11.-(1)Every owner of a vehicle or his authorized agent shall submit to quarantine treatment before entry into Belize.

(2) Any owner of a motor vehicle or his authorized agent shall be refused entry into Belize if he fails to submit to quarantine treatment.

(3) Every owner of a motor vehicle or his authorized agent shall pay all other quarantine treatment applied to commodities, carriers at a Point of Entry as prescribed in Schedule II.

Schedule II.

Quarantine inspection.

12.-(1)Every consignment entering at any point of entry shall be inspected by a designated officer and a Customs Official.

(2) Every importer who fails to submit a consignment for inspection under sub-regulation (1) above shall be liable to an administrative fine of two thousand dollars (BZ $2,000.00) payable to the Authority.

Incineration of pets, material, etc.

13. Fees associated with the incineration of confiscated commodities and international wet garbage shall be as prescribed in Schedule V.

Registration of importers.

14. It shall be mandatory that all importers register with tl Authority.

Contractual agreements.

15. The Authority may enter into contractual agreeme with any government agency or private sector organizati for the provision of technical consultancies in the area agricultural health and food safety, and the fees to be paid l the Authority under such agreement shall be agreed betwe the parties.

Request for inspection.

Schedules I, II and III

16.–(1) A person may request the Authority to carry o any inspection or testing, and shall pay the applicable fe as prescribed in Schedule I, II and III.

(2) Every person, organization or entity who desires have technical documents in the areas of agricultural heal and food safety to be translated may make such a request writing to the Managing Director.

(3) A designated officer may, with the written approv of the Managing Director, enter into contractual agreeme with requesting parties for the translation of documents.

(4) The fees for the translation of documents shall l thirty five dollars (BZ $35.00) per page for certified translati from the Spanish language to the English language or tl English Language to the Spanish language.

(5) For the purposes of this Regulation, "page" mea one side of a letter size (8.5 inches X 11 inches) typewritt sheet of single spaced character with margins of one inch all sides.

Receipt.

17. The Authority shall issue an official receipt for a payments made under these Regulations.

Designated diagnostic laboratory.

18. The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, the Central Investigation Laboratory, and the Plant Health Laboratory, are hereby designated as the official diagnostic laboratories for the purposes of these Regulations.

Administrative fines and penalties.

19.–(1) Any passenger who makes a false verbal declaration to a Customs Officer or Quarantine Inspector, pertaining to the importation of plants, animal and their products and by-products. In their personal luggage, shall pay an administrative fine of two hundred dollars (BZ$200.00) payable to the Authority.

(2) Where an importer of a regulated commodity fails to produce a valid import permit the Authority may, upon review, approve entry after inspection and testing after payment of the stipulated inspection fee, and the following administrative penalty–

(a) one thousand dollars (BZ 1,000.00) per consignment; or

(b) three hundred dollars (BZ 300.00) per each domestic dog or cat.

(3) Where an importer of a regulated commodity produces a valid import permit but fails to produce supporting documents for such regulated commodity the Authority shall immediately detain the commodity and determine whether to allow or refuse entry based on an assessment of risk.

(4) Where entry is allowed under sub-regulation (4), the importer shall pay all fees that may be incurred and the following administrative penalty–

(a) one thousand dollars (BZ 1,000.00) per consignment; or

(b) three hundred dollars (BZ 300.00) per each domestic dog or cat.

(5) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2) and (3), the Authority shall determine the process to execute in order that the commodity be refused entry and sent back to country of origin, confiscated and treated or confiscated and destroyed at the expense of the importer or his agent.

Offences and penalty.

20.-(1) A person commits and offence if they-

(a) are found in illegal possession of any plant, plant product, plant by-product, animal, animal product, animal by-product carcass, feed, liner, dung, biologicals or similar commodity;

(b) break a quarantine seal;

(c) fail to inform a designated officer of scheduled arrivals of any carrier coming from either an International port or airport within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival;

(d) fail to allow the boarding of any carrier for inspection to be conducted by a designated officer of the Authority;

(e) boards any carrier without the presence of a designated officer;

(f) imports into Belize any commodity or product to which Parts VI and X of the Act do not apply, otherwise than under an import permit granted by the Authority;

(g) presents a false document for import or export purposes or tampers with a BAHA stamp or document (Certificates, Permits, Receipts etc.); or

(h) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of any import permit referred to in sub-regulation (f).

(2) Every person who commits an offence under sub-regulation (1) shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not less than two thousand dollars, but not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

Penalty for failure to declare regulated commodities, etc..

21. Failure to declare any regulated commodity to a designated officer at a point of entry shall result in the confiscation of the commodity and the importer of the commodity shall be subject to a penalty as follows–

(a) where the commodity is of commercial quantity–

(i) two thousand dollars (BZ$ 2,000.00) for a first offense;

(ii) three thousand dollars (BZ$ 3,000.00) for a second offense; or

(iii) five thousand dollars (BZ$ 5,000.00) for a third offence;

(b) where the commodity is of non-commercial quantity–

(i) two hundred and fifty dollars (BZ$ 250.00) for a first offense; or

(ii) five hundred (BZ$ 500.00) for a second offense.

Repeal. S.I 182/2004.

22. The Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Service Fees) Regulations, 2004 (S.I No. 182 of 2004) are repealed.

SCHEDULE I

[regulations 3(4)(c), (5), (9) and (10); 6(3), (4) and (5); 16(1)]

ANIMAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SERVICES	PRICE BZ $
AH Import Permit	50.00
Pet Passport	200.00
Movement Permits	
Poultry (live)	50.00
Poultry litter	50.00
Cattle	50.00
Inspection of Poultry Establishments	50.00
Evaluation of Biosecurity for Poultry Establishments	50.00
Health Certificate (International Veterinary Certificate)	125.00
Disease-Free Herd Certificates	20.00
Free Sale Certificates	100.00
Aquatic Health Certificates Booklets	50.00
Application Booklets - Permits	20.00
Mileage	1.75 per mile
Terrestrial/Aquatic Field Services	
Veterinary Services	60.00 per hour
Quarantine Site Approval	60.00 per hour
Inspection of Animals in Quarantine	60.00 per hour
Non-compliance with Animal Health Internal Quarantine Protocols	2,000.00
Aquatic Farm/Establishment Registration	250.00 per year
Northern corral Use	300.00 per use
Veterinary Drug Unit	
Importers License	200.00 Annual Fee
Drugs/Feed/Biologics Registration	
Over-the-counter	100.00
Prescription-only	200.00
Restricted	300.00
Biologics Registration	300.00
Premix Registration	200.00

Feed Registration	200.00
Manufacturer/Feed Mill Plant Registration	
Small	250.00
Medium	500.00
Large	750.00
Veterinary Drug Facility Registration	250.00
Feed Plant & Facility Inspection 2 times per year	100.00
Veterinary Diagnostic and PCR Laboratory Services	
Simple Smear	10.00
Modified Macmaster	15.00
Formalin Ether Concentration Technique	20.00
Lungworm (Bayerman Apparatus)	20.00
Fasciola (routine)	15.00
CBC	25.00
Blood Parasites (Giemsa)	15.00
Hearthworm (MKT)	20.00
Hearthworm – Elisa	35.00
Skin Scraping (KOH)	15.00
Urinalysis (Manual and Microscopic)	20.00
Leishmania (Giemsa)	30.00
Gram Stain	15.00
Overtime for veterinary services (inspection, testing, auditing etc.)	75.00 per hour
BACTERIOLOGY	
Culture	35.00
Culture & Identification	60.00
Culture, Identification & Sensitivity	70.00
Strain Identification (Salmonella serotyping)	70.00
Brucella (Rivanol)	30.00
Brucella Card Test	10.00
Equine Infectious Anaemia (AGID)	30.00
Enzootic Bovine Leukemia (AGID) - Serology	30.00
Avian Influenza (AGID)	30.00
Vaccine Preparation	85.00
Tuberculosis (Field Test)	10.00
Biochemistry	Referred to reference laboratory.
Methylene Blue Reduction	20.00

Milk	
Somatic Cell Count (Smear)	30.00
Total Colony Count (Culture)	40.00
Varroa	30.00
Postmortem (Field)	100.00 per animal
Referrals Local (in country) Shipping & Handling	40.00
Disposal of Carcasses (laboratory)	50.00
PCR Lab Services	
Routine PCR Testing (results in 5 working days)	150.00 per disease
Rush PCR Testing (results in 24-36 Hours)	200.00 per disease
Terrestrial Disease PCR Lab Services (results in 5 working days)	150.00 per disease
Terrestrial Disease PCR Lab Services (results in 24-36 hours)	200.00 per disease
REFERENCE LABORATORIES The cost of the test, freight services, and any other expense will be borne by the customer. Administration fee for preparing samples to send to international laboratories	150.00
Mileage: All inspections, certification, or technical work by BAHA that incurs use of a BAHA vehicle will charge mileage.	1.75 per mile
Overtime	45.00 per hour

SCHEDULE II

[regulations 3(4)(c), (5) (9) and (10); 6(3) and (5); 11(3); 16(1)

PLANT HEALTH SERVICE FEES

SERVICES	PRICE BZ $
Import Permit Application	50.00
Pest diagnosis	75.00
Diagnosis of Samples that are brought from the Public (non-regulated pest)	
Laboratory Tests	
ELISA Test	75.00 per test
Bioassay	60.00 per test
Mycology (microbiology)	75.00 per test
Mycology (microscopy)	75.00 per test
Nematode	75.00 per test
Bacteriological	75.00 per test
PCR test	150.00 per test
Collection of samples for testing	10.00 per sample
Post entry quarantine inspections	30.00 per hour
GMO testing (rapid test strips)	50.00
Verification of citrus diseases (non-PCR)	50.00 per test
Phytosanitary Treatments (fumigants)	
Methyl bromide	20.00 per pound
Treatment	30.00 per hour
Annual Inspection Fees for Facilities	
Greenhouse	130.00
Lumber mill	400.00
Seed packing facility	45.00
Grain loading facility	100.00
Flour mill	180.00
Grain or plant storage facility	260.00
Other facility	60.00
License and Registration	
License for Fertilizer establishments as per Cap 211	100.00 per year

Registration of Facility	750.00
Registration of fertilizers	150.00 per formulation
Registration of packing facilities	250.00 per year
Field Inspections	
Sod farm, seed corn, nursery	30.00 per hour
Fruit farm	25.00 per hour
Fruit tree nurseries	30.00 per hour
Flower/bulb production	30.00 per hour
Peas, beans, grains and other field crops	30.00 per hour
Greenhouse or nursery	30.00 per hour
Services and Usage of Equipment	
Packaged deal use of the Plant Health Laboratory with basic equipment (microscope & diagnostic aids and identification keys	250.00 per day
Use of laboratory and rental of space for workshops conducted by national entities (with BAHA officials offering supervision)	200.00 per day
Use of microscope and stereoscope	50.00 per each entity per day
Other laboratory equipment	60.00 per day
Other equipment such as GPS (batteries not included)	25.00 per day
Library use and/or membership fee	2.00 per month
Plant Health Officers to conduct training or provide presentations or teaching sessions	75.00 per hour
Assistance of personnel	30.00 per day
Post Entry Quarantine	
Inspections for imported commodities under post entry quarantine at a nursery	45.00 per hour
Observation and Maintenance of Plants held at the Quarantine Facility in Central Farm.	
Seedling in trays	2.50 per tray per day
Individual plants in bags or pots	2.50 per day
cuttings	1.00 per day
Export Certification Fees (Phytosanitary Certificate)	
Non-commercial commodities	20.00
Commercial commodities	125.00
Inspection during normal working hours	25.00 per hour

Inspection outside normal working hours	45.00 per hour
Cost of seal (two seals used)	10.00
Market Access (export) Dossier Preparation	500.00
Reference Laboratories Administration fee for preparing samples to send to international laboratories The cost of the test, freight services, and any other expenses will be borne by the customer.	150.00
All inspections, certification, or technical work by BAHA that incurs use of a BAHA vehicle will charge mileage.	1.75 per mile
Overtime:	45.00 per hour

SCHEDULE III

[regulations 3(4)(c), (5) (9) and (10); 6(3) and (5); 16(1)]

FOOD SAFETY LABORATORY FEES AND OTHER FOOD SAFETY SERVICES

Service	PRICE BZ $
Import Permit Application	50.00
Residues in Food	
Sulphite in Seafood and juices	100.00 per test
Vet Drugs in meats (screen)	80.00 per test
Vet Drugs in milk	50.00 per test
Clenbuterol in meats	85.00 per test
Insecticide and fungicide residues in fruits and vegetables (Bioassay)	25.00 per test
Feed and Grain	
Aflatoxin (B1) (RIA)	100.00 per test
Moisture	15.00 per test
Calcium in feed	35.00 per test
Water Quality	
Water Profile	60.00 per test
Ammonia	30.00 per test
Chlorine, Free and total	11.00 per test
Color	12.00 per test
Conductivity	14.00 per test
Nitrate	12.00 per test
pH	10.00 per test
Total dissolved solids/Suspended solids	15.00 per test
Turbidity (High Range)	11.00 per test
Microbiological Analysis	
Salmonella in food	150.00 per test
Staphylococcus aureus in food	80.00 per test
Vibrio Species in food	60.00 per test
Yeast and Mold Count in food	55.00 per test

Vibrio cholera O1 in food	120.00 per test
Aerobic Plate Count (APC)	45.00 per test
Sterility test for canned food	55.00 per test
Seafood profile	1655.00 per test
Heterotrophic Plate Count in water	30.00 per test
Total Coliforms, E. coli in water	76.00 per test
Enterococci in water	67.00 per test
Total Coliforms, Fecal Coliforms, E. coli in food	180.00 per test
Other Food Safety Services	
Food Compositional Tests	
Limonin in Juices (HPLC)	342.00 per test
Moisture	15.00 per test
pH	20.00 per test
Titratable acidity in milk	19.00 per test
Titratable acidity in cheese	24.00 per test
Water activity	45.00 per test
Other Tests	
THC in industrial hemp	750.00 per test
pH in soil	10.00 per test
Conductivity in soil	18.00 per test
Moisture in soil, fertilizer	15.00 per test
Water soluble sulfate and chloride aggregates	50.00 per test
Acid soluble sulfate and chloride aggregates	70.00 per test
Available lime content in liming material	45.00 per test
Export Certification	
Sanitary	125.00
Free Sale	150.00 per year
Non-Commercial	25.00
Cost of seal (two seals used)	TBD
Registration-Annual	
Aquatic Farms	250.00

Processing Facility (Fish and fishery products) small	500.00
Processing Facility (Fish and fishery products) medium	750.00
Processing Facility (Fish and fishery products) large	1000.00
Slaughter Facility small	500.00
Slaughter Facility large	750.00
Imports (Risk Profile)	
Food safety IRA	1000.00
Training	
GMP/SSOP (one-day for up to 25 participants)	300.00
Intro to HACCP) (one-day for up to fifteen participants)	300.00
Basic HACCP (three-days for up to fifteen participants)	1500.00
Food Defense/Security (one-day for up to fifteen participants)	300.00
Training for more than 15 participants (one-day training)	20.00 per additional person
Training for more than 15 participants (three-day training)	20.00 per additional person
Package (Basic HACCP and Food Defense/Security)	1,650.00
Food Inspections	
Inspection (processing facilities)	60.00 per hour
Beef	4.00 per head
Sheep/Pig	3.00 per head
Poultry	30.00 per hour
Audit of Food Establishment	
HACCP	750.00
GMP	300.00
Document review (1st time HACCP audit)	250.00
High Seas Fishing Vessel	
Annual Registration of vessel	1000.00
HACCP/GMP/SSOP Approval	1000.00

Audit of freezer vessel	600.00
Audit of factory vessel	800.00
Administrative fee/audit	2000.00
Container Seals	TBD
Reference Laboratories The cost of the test, freight services, and any other expenses will be borne by the customer. Administration fee for preparing samples to send to international laboratories	150.00
Mileage: All inspections, certification, or technical work by BAHA that incurs use of a BAHA vehicle will charge.	1.75 per mile
Overtime for poultry and meat	45.00 per hour
Overtime for processing	75.00 per hour

TBD: To be determined by the Authority as an administrative fee.

SCHEDULE IV
[regulation 4(3)(f)]

NIL List

Port:	Date:

I undersigned_____,

passport n°_____, Captain of M/Y_____

DECLARE

NO ARMS & AMMUNITIONS ONBOARD NO STOWAWAYS ONBOARD NO CIGARETTES ONBOARD NO DRUGS ONBOARD

LESS THAN $10.000 (US) ON BOARD

STAMP AND SIGNATURE

SCHEDULE V

[regulations 4(4); 5(3) and (5); 8(3);9(2); 13]

QUARANTINE

Quarantine Department Service Fees	**PRICE BZ $**
Sea Vessel Boarding	
Cruise ships and cargo vessels	75.00 per hour
Large yachts	65.00 per hour
Small yachts	50.00 per hour
Water taxis (arriving from international ports)	30.00 per Quarantine clearance
Aircraft Boarding	
Cargo aircraft (international flight)	150.00 per Quarantine clearance
Passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of over fifty (50)	150.00 per Quarantine clearance
Passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of less than fifty (50) passengers	50.00 per Quarantine clearance
Small, private and domestic aircraft arriving in Belize from international airports or from a quarantine area.	30.00 per Quarantine clearance
Import Processing Service Fees	
Plant, plant products:	
Consignment less than or equal to one truck load or 20' container	150.00
40' container or its equivalent	200.00
Live animals	
Small animals	20.00
Large animals	60.00
Animal products & products of animal origin:	
Truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	150.00

40' container or its equivalent	200.00
Animal feed and feed stuff by ship load	1.50 /ton
Grains and meals by ship load	1.50 /ton
Animal feed and feed stuff:	
Truck load or 20' container or its equivalent;	150.00
40' container or its equivalent	200.00
Construction material/inorganic fertilizer:	
Truck load or 20' container or its equivalent	65.00
40' container or its equivalent	125.00
Construction material/inorganic fertilizer:	
Shipload/consignment 1.00 per ton;	1.00
Vehicles (Used & New)	
Small vehicles (cars, pick-ups, etc.)	15.00
Large vehicle (trucks, buses, tractors, etc.)	30.00
Breaks a quarantine seal	2,000
fails to inform a designated officer of scheduled arrivals of any conveyance coming from either an International port or airport within twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled arrival.	2,000
fails to allow the boarding of any conveyance for inspection to be conducted by a designated officer of the Authority	2,000
Use of Treatment Facility	20.00 per hour
Treatments for vehicles, crates etc.	45.00 per hour
Other commodities imported in consolidated consignments with a weight less than one thousand (1,000) pounds (Quarantine clearance at point of entry)	65.00 per consignment

Other commodities imported in quantities with a weight less than one thousand (1,000) pounds (not consolidated consignments) (Quarantine clearance at point of entry).	30.00 per consignment
Commodities or products with a weight of or exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds (out of port Quarantine clearance)	65.00 per consignment
Incineration	
Confiscated commodities and international wet garbage	8.00 per lb.
Mileage: All inspections, certification, or technical work by BAHA that incurs use of a BAHA vehicle will charge mileage.	1.75 per mile
Overtime:	45.00 per hour

SCHEDULE VI
[regulation 7(4)]

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH INSPECTION OF FOREIGN FACILITIES

1. Unless otherwise stated, it will be the responsibility of the exporter/ importer to cover all certified costs associated with the inspection conducted in a foreign country. The costs shall include:

   (a) airfare and other certified travel costs (taxi to airport, airport taxes, visa, etc.) which may be incurred and are associated with the inspection. Tickets shall be sent to the Authority at least three (3) days prior to the intended departure of the designated officer(s);

   (b) all expenses within reasonable limits in respect of boarding and lodging are to be met;

   (c) an honorarium of two hundred dollars US ($200.00) per day per officer;

   (d) the honorarium shall be paid directly to the designated officers upon arrival at the country requesting the inspection.

2. A minimum administrative fee of one thousand dollars (US $1000.00) shall be paid directly to the Belize Agricultural Health Authority **not less than ten (10) working days** prior to the intended departure from Belize. An inspection which may result in a length of stay that exceeds a maximum of three (3) working days shall result in an additional administrative fee of one hundred dollars (US $100.00) per day.

3. Payments shall be made to the following address:

To: **The Belize Agricultural Health Authority**
Belize Bank Corporation Limited
Account Number: 9159528819
Swift BIC: BBLZBZBZ

4. An official invoice will be sent to the Competent Authority or to the exporter indicating the description of the services offered, the rates charged and the amount due.

5. The Belize Agricultural Health Authority will verify payments and will issue an official receipt.

SCHEDULE VII
[regulation 10(1)]

BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (BAHA)

Belize, Central America

BAHA Act Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020

Phone: Belmopan: 501-822-0197 or Central Farm: 501-824-4899
E-mail: quarantine@baha.org.bz

CONTAINER APPLICATION FORM
(FOR OUT OF PORT INSPECTION)

Vessel.....
Date of Arrival .....
Bill Of Landing No.....
No. & Description of Pkgs.....
Entry No./Nos.....Date.....
Container Nos.....

From: (Importer's name & Address)

To: Managing Director
Belize Agricultural Health Authority
P.O. Box 169, Belmopan

Dear Sir;

Permission is requested as follows:

1) To remove the above-mentioned container/s from the Belize Port Authority's Wharf to ..... prior to Quarantine Inspection of the consignment.

2) To obtain Quarantine Inspection at premises.

3) To obtain the service of the Quarantine Inspector to inspect and if necessary take statistical representative samples outside the Port Authority's Compound

We undertake the following:

4) To ensure that the Customs Seal remains intact until arrival of Quarantine Inspector.

5) To have a representative of the importer present during inspection.

6) To pay any charges of penalties which may be charged as a result of the inspection.
7) To pay fees for the services, overtime and travelling allowance which may be due as a result of this application.

We further acknowledge that the Quarantine service reserve the right to refuse removal of any container to an importer's premises.

Documents attached	
Type	Number
Import permit	
Phytosanitary Certificate	
Certificate of Origin	
Health Certificate or Certificate of Wholesomeness	
Certificate of irradiation	

Yours respectfully,

_____
Signature of Importer

For Official Use

Approved _____
BAHA Authorized Personnel

Date: _____ Time: _____

N.B. All applications for the removal of containers must be deposited with the Quarantine Inspector before 4:00 p.m. on the day of removal from the port compound.

MADE by the Minister of Agriculture this 27th day of January, 2022

(JOSE ABELARDO MAI)
Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise
(Minister responsible for Belize Agricultural Health Authority)

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