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Presidential Decree No. 30518, Mar. 10, 2020

Amended by Presidential Decree No. 32264, Dec. 28, 2021

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Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Decree is to prescribe matters mandated by the [Plant Protection Act](#) and those necessary for the enforcement thereof.

Article 2 (Technology Development Plans for Phytosanitary Measures)

(1) A technology development plan for phytosanitary measures under [Article 7-4 \(1\) of the Plant Protection Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”) shall include each of the following: <Amended on Jan. 13, 2012>

1. Objectives and key strategies for technology development plan for phytosanitary measures;
2. Development of prevention and diagnostic technologies and disinfection methods of pests;
3. Development of technologies related to categorization and identification of pests;
4. Collaborative research projects with domestic and overseas research institutes, organizations, etc. related to the technology development of phytosanitary measures;
5. Utilization plans for outcomes of the technology development of phytosanitary measures;
6. Ensuring budget and human resources necessary for the technology development of phytosanitary measures;
7. Other necessary matters for the technology development of phytosanitary measures.

(2) Where the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs intends to formulate or implement a plan for the technology development of phytosanitary measures, the Minister may consult with relevant administrative agencies, local governments, colleges and universities, research institutes, agricultural organizations, etc. for the joint research of the technology development of phytosanitary measures, utilization of research outcomes, and other matters necessary for the prevention of overlapped research.

Article 3 (Requirements for Importation Permission for Prohibited Articles)

(1) “Requirements prescribed by Presidential Decree” in [Article 10 \(2\) 1 of the Act](#) means the following requirements: <Amended on Jun. 24, 2011; Jan. 13, 2012; Jul. 24, 2012; Mar. 23, 2013; Nov. 28, 2017; Jun. 26, 2019>

1. A research institute to be provided with prohibited articles specified in [Article 10 \(1\) of the Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as “prohibited articles”) shall be an institution or organization (limited to cases where it imports only for testing and research purposes) referred to in each subparagraph of [Article 14 \(1\)](#) (excluding departments solely responsible for research and development referred to in subparagraph 2 of that Article and institutes or organizations specified in subparagraph 7 of the Article) of the Basic Research Promotion and Technology Development Support Act;
2. A research institute to be provided with prohibited articles shall be an agency responsible for agricultural bio-resources (limited to cases where it imports only for ensuring agricultural bio-resources) designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in accordance with [Article 14 of the Act](#) on the Conservation, Management and Use of Agricultural Bio-Resources;
3. Professional human resources, facilities, and equipment suitable for managing prohibited articles shall be prepared;
4. A quantity applied for importation permission on prohibited articles shall be a quantity appropriate for importation purposes.

(2) “Requirements prescribed by Presidential Decree” in [Article 10 \(2\) 3 of the Act](#) shall be as follows: <Added on Nov. 28, 2017>

1. A person who imports relevant prohibited articles shall be registered under [Article 37 \(1\) of the Seed Industry Act](#);
2. Professional human resources shall be able to manage relevant prohibited articles;
3. Facilities and equipment shall be prepared for preventing the spread of pests and handling any residues occurred in the course of packaging and processing relevant prohibited articles;
4. Prohibited articles shall be intended to be re-packaged and processed for the purpose of exportation within one year from the date of importation thereof.

(3) Detailed standards for the specialized personnel, facilities, and equipment referred to in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 and Paragraph 2, Subparagraphs 2 and 3 shall be determined and publicly notified by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Article 3-2 (Persons Engaged in Affairs of Handling Containers)

“Persons prescribed by Presidential Decree who are engaged in the affairs of handling containers” in [Article 19-2 \(1\) of the Act](#) means any of the following:

1. Owner of containers;
2. Persons engaged in the business of loading and unloading containers;
3. Persons engaged in the business of repairing containers;
4. Persons engaged in the business of cleaning containers.

[This Article Added on Jun. 25, 2019]

[Previous Article 3-2 moved to Article 3-3 <Jun. 25, 2019>]

Article 3-3 (Composition and Operation of Pest Observation and Control Headquarters)

(1) The Pest Observation and Control Headquarters established within the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs in accordance with [Article 31-4 \(1\) of the Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as the “Pest Observation and Control Headquarters”) shall have one director and one deputy director to assist the director. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) The director of the Pest Observation and Control Headquarters shall be the Vice Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the deputy director shall be a public official designated by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, from among public officials in general service of the Senior Executive Service. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) The Pest Observation and Control Headquarters shall perform the following duties:

1. Establishment of policies for the observation and control of pests;
2. Provision of support for pest observation and control offices;
3. Overall supervision and coordination to formulate plans for the observation and coordination of pest control;
4. Establishment of a system for the cooperation with relevant central administrative agencies for the observation and control of pests;
5. Public relations regarding the observation and control of pests.

(4) Except as provided in paragraphs (1) through (3), matters necessary for the composition and operation of the Pest Observation and Control Headquarters shall be determined by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Added on Jan. 13, 2012]

[Moved from Article 3-2; previous Article 3-3 moved to Article 3-4 <Jun. 25, 2019>]

Article 3-4 (Composition and Operation of Pest Observation and Control Offices)

(1) A Central Pest Observation and Control Office established under [Article 31-4 \(2\) of the Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as “Central Pest Observation and Control Office”) shall have a Danjang (Director General of a Group) who shall be nominated by the Administrator of Rural Development Administration, from among public officials engaged in research or technical advice service.

(2) The Danjang of the Central Pest Observation and Control Office may establish and operate task force teams by sector, such as technology and information, food crops, and horticultural crops for efficient observation and control of pests.

(3) The Central Pest Observation and Control Office shall perform the following duties: <Amended on Dec. 28, 2021>

1. Formulation of plans for the observation and control of pests;
2. Promotion of the observation and control of pests and guidance and inspection thereof;
3. Support for the budget and technology of City/Do pest observation and control offices in accordance with [Article 31-4 \(2\) of the Act](#);
4. Establishment of a system cooperation with local governments to observe and control pests;

5. Education and public relations regarding the observation and control of pests.
- (4) Except as provided in paragraphs 1 through 3, matters necessary for the composition and operation of the Central Pest Observation and Control Office shall be determined by the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration.

[This Article Added on Jan. 13, 2012]

[Moved from Article 3-3 <Jun. 25, 2019>]

Article 3-5 (Preventive Observations of Development of Pests)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may request the following measures to be taken pursuant to the former part of [Article 33 \(3\) of the Act](#):

1. Inspection of pests: Inspection of facilities and articles, such as a parcel of land, storage, warehouse, place of business, or means of conveyance that carry or are suspected to carry regulated pests, provisionally regulated pests, or pests subject to pest control measures taken under [Article 32 \(3\) of the Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as “regulated pests, etc.”);
2. Control of pests: Spraying sanitary chemicals for taking pest control measures against regulated pests, etc.; and incinerating, burying, or returning articles;
3. Environmental improvement: Keeping clean environment and repairing facilities, by employing such measures as termination of weeds in areas where regulated pests, etc. are likely to inhabit and filling the cracks and breaks in open storage yards in an airport or harbor.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph 1, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall determine and publicly notify detailed matters for pest investigations, pest control measures, environmental improvement, etc.

[This Article Added on Jun. 25, 2019]

Article 3-6 (Request for Provision of Data and Information, etc.)

(1) The term “data or information prescribed by Presidential Decree” in the first part of the preamble to Article 33-4, Paragraph 1 of the Act refers to the data or information specified in the following subparagraphs:

1. The name, address, and contact information of a plant grower (hereinafter referred to as a “plant grower”) under Article 33-4, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 of the Act and an agricultural worker (hereinafter referred to as an “agricultural worker”) under Subparagraph 2 of the same paragraph (in cases where the plant grower is a corporation, this refers to the corporation’s name, corporate registration number, location of its principal office, and contact information, as well as the name and contact information of its representative);
2. The address and area of the cultivation site;
3. The age (limited to perennial plants), variety, and quantity of the cultivated plants;
4. Other data or information deemed necessary for pest control by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Mayor of a Special City, the Mayor of a Metropolitan City, the Mayor of a Special Self-Governing City, the Governor of a Province, or the Governor of a Special Self-Governing Province (hereinafter referred to as a “Mayor or Provincial Governor”).

(2) The term “plants prescribed by Presidential Decree” in Article 33-4, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 1 of the Act refers to plants belonging to the Rosaceae family, such as apples and pears.

[Newly Inserted Jul. 16, 2024]

Article 3-7 (Preventive Education and Compliance with Preventive Guidelines, etc.)

(1) Preventive education regarding pests and diseases under Article 33-5, Paragraph 1 of the Act (hereinafter referred to as “preventive education”) shall be conducted via in-person training (such as lectures or audiovisual education) or remote training (such as online courses).

(2) A plant grower (referring to the representative in the case of a corporation; hereinafter the same applies in this Article) shall complete at least one hour of preventive education per year in accordance with Article 33-5, Paragraph 2 of the Act.

(3) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Mayor/Do Governor shall issue a certificate of completion to any plant grower who has completed the preventive education.

(4) The term “preventive guidelines prescribed by Presidential Decree” in Article 33-5, Paragraph 3 of the Act refers to the matters set forth in the following subparagraphs:

1. Thoroughly disinfecting the hands, work clothes, shoes, hats, gloves, and tools of agricultural workers before and after agricultural work;
2. Spraying pesticides registered under Article 8, Paragraph 1 or Article 17, Paragraph 1 of the *Pesticide Control Act* in accordance with the timing of pest and disease outbreaks for specific crops;
3. Purchasing seedlings for which the history of seed production and sales is recorded and maintained pursuant to Article 39-3, Paragraph 1 of the *Seed Industry Act*;
4. Periodically observing and inspecting the cultivation site for the occurrence of pests and diseases, and reporting without delay if any pests or diseases are detected, pursuant to Article 30-2, Paragraph 1 of the Act;
5. Actively cooperating with surveillance for pest and disease outbreaks under Article 33, Paragraph 1 of the Act.

(5) In addition to the matters prescribed in Paragraphs 1 through 3, detailed matters necessary for the implementation and operation of preventive education shall be determined and publicly notified by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Mayor/Do Governor.

[Newly Inserted: July 16, 2024]

Article 4 (Liability for Expenses)

(1) If a Mayor/Do Governor intends to require a beneficiary of control measures to bear a portion of the control costs pursuant to the proviso to Article 37 of the Act, he/she shall issue a notice of cost-sharing for control measures to the beneficiary within 30 days after the completion of the relevant control measures. <Amended Nov. 28, 2017; Jul. 16, 2024>

(2) When the Mayor/Do Governor determines the amount of costs for taking pest control measures to be borne by beneficiaries, the Mayor/Do Governor shall require such beneficiaries to equally bear the remaining amount obtained by subtracting expenses borne by the local government from the total expenses for taking pest control measures.

(3) An expense incurred in taking pest control measures to be borne by beneficiaries in accordance with paragraph (2) shall be the sum of each of the following expenses:

1. Chemical expenses;
2. Fees for using pest control tools;
3. Expenses for manpower (referring only to the amount paid to the persons directly involved in the task for taking pest control measures).

Article 4-2 (Scope of Compensation for Losses)

(1) The scope of compensation for losses under the main sentence of [Article 38 \(1\) of the Act](#) shall be as follows: Provided, That those owned by the State or a local government shall be excluded from the compensation for losses: <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

1. In cases of a restriction or prohibition on growing plants in accordance with [Article 36 \(1\) 1 of the Act](#): Expenses incurred in replacing the plants;
2. In cases of a restriction or prohibition on transfer and movement of plants in accordance with [Article 36 \(1\) 2 of the Act](#): An amount obtained following the computation method determined and publicly notified by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs taking account of quantity of inspection items, cost price, etc. of the plants, etc.;
3. In cases of requiring disinfection, discarding, etc. of plants, etc. (including soil around roots, etc. of plants) in accordance with [Article 36 \(1\) 3 of the Act](#): An amount obtained following the computation method determined and publicly notified by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs taking account of quantity of inspection items, cost price, etc. of the plants, etc. and expenses incurred in taking measures, such as disinfection or discarding;
4. In cases of requiring disinfection of goods or facilities; restriction of the use thereof; or taking other similar measures in accordance with [Article 36 \(1\) 4 of the Act](#): Expenses incurred in taking such measures.

(2) The criteria for reducing the compensation amount pursuant to the proviso to Article 38, Paragraph 1 of the Act shall be as set forth in Attached Table 1. <Amended Jul. 16, 2024>

(3) The term “period prescribed by Presidential Decree” in the main body of Article 38, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 7 of the Act refers to 10 years. <Amended Jul. 16, 2024>

(4) The term “pests prescribed by Presidential Decree” in the main body of Article 38, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 7 of the Act refers to the pests specified in the following subparagraphs. <Newly Inserted Jul. 16, 2024>

1. Fire blight
2. Black shoot blight

(5) The State shall pay an amount equivalent to at least 80 percent of the compensation for loss under Article 38, Paragraph 1 of the Act, and the relevant Special City, Metropolitan City, Special Self-Governing City, Province, or Special Self-Governing Province shall pay the remaining amount. <Newly Inserted Dec. 28, 2021; Amended Jul. 16, 2024>

(6) Matters necessary regarding the methods and procedures for compensation for loss, other than those prescribed in Paragraphs 1 through 5, shall be determined and publicly notified by the

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 28, 2021; Jul. 16, 2024>

Article 4-3 (Subsidization of Livelihood Stabilization Expenses)

(1) Persons who are eligible for subsidization of livelihood stabilization expenses under [Article 38-2 \(1\) of the Act](#) (hereinafter referred to as “livelihood stabilization expenses”) shall be farmers who have discarded multi-year plants, such as fruit trees, from among the persons who have complied with an order to take pest control measures issued under [Article 36](#): Provided, That any of the following persons need not be provided with livelihood stabilization expenses: <Amended on Dec. 22, 2015>

1. A person who is not a farmer as provided in subparagraph 2 [Article 3 of the Framework Act on Agriculture](#) and Fisheries, Rural Community, and Food Industry;
2. A person who has conducted an act causing an order to take pest control measures issued under [Article 36 of the Act](#) or fails to comply with such order appropriately;
3. A person who fails to grow multi-year plants, such as fruit trees, after having discarded perennial plants, such as fruit trees, under [Article 36 of the Act](#).

(2) Livelihood stabilization expenses may be subsidized with the maximum of the amount of national average household expenses for six months in the statistics on the economic survey of farming households surveyed and published by a statistics service agency defined in subparagraph 3 of [Article 3 of the Statistics Act](#).

(3) The State shall subsidize at least 70/100 of livelihood stabilization expenses, and the local government shall subsidize the remainder.

(4) A person who desires to be subsidized with livelihood stabilization expenses shall apply for the livelihood stabilization expenses as prescribed by the Ordinance of Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, to the head of the Si/Gun/autonomous Gu having jurisdiction over the place in which pest control measures are taken. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(5) Except as provided in paragraphs (1) through (4), matters necessary for subsidization of livelihood stabilization expenses shall be determined and publicly notified by the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration.

[This Article Added on Jan. 13, 2012]

Article 5 (Payment of Monetary Awards)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs shall pay monetary awards up to two million won to a person who has filed a report or a criminal complaint under [Article 43 of the Act](#) within budgetary limits. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013; Nov. 28, 2017>

(2) Standards, methods, procedures, etc. for payment of monetary awards under paragraph (1) shall be determined and publicly notified by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

Article 5-2 (Methods and Scope of Requesting Information)

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs may request any of the following information in accordance with the former part of [Article 45-2 \(2\) of the Act](#). In such cases, the request shall be

made in a written form (including electronic documents); in cases of emergency, it may be orally requested.

1. Data on ecology or physiology of pests necessary for analyzing and assessing pest risks under [Article 6 of the Act](#), current status of outbreak of pests, preventive observation of pests, pest control measures, information on following-up management, etc.;
2. Information on the issuance of a passport, entry into or departure from the Republic of Korea, resident registration number, address, and phone number of a person who has made a false declaration under [Article 12 \(1\) through \(3\) of the Act](#) or who has imported articles subject to phytosanitary measures without inspection or who has undergone inspection by improper or wrongful means;
3. Any of the following Information needed for conducting epidemiological investigations under [Article 31-6 \(1\) of the Act](#):
 - (a) Current status of outbreak, population, and controlling of pests; and that of growing, production, and sale, by plant, in areas where the pests are found;
 - (b) Information on the issuance of a passport, entry into or departure from the Republic of Korea, resident registration number, address, and phone number of a person who owns, grows, or sells plants on which pests have been found;
 - (c) Importation passages of containers imported (including imported goods) from countries in which pests, etc. are found;
4. Other information necessary to prevent the domestic introduction and spread of pests.

[This Article Added on Jun. 25, 2019]

Article 6 (Delegation and Entrustment of Authority and Affairs)

- (1) Pursuant to Article 46, Paragraph 1 of the Act, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs delegates the authority specified in the following subparagraphs to the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration. <Amended Mar. 23, 2013; Nov. 28, 2017; Jun. 25, 2019; Mar. 10, 2020; Jul. 16, 2024>
1. To receive reports on the outbreak of pests, etc. subject to pest control measures in accordance with [Article 30-2 \(1\) of the Act](#) (limited to reports on the areas in which the head of a phytosanitary agency investigates the outbreak of pests in accordance with [Article 33 \(1\) of the Act](#));
 - 1-2. To determine whether to take pest control measures and make public announcement of taking pest control measures in accordance with [Article 31 of the Act](#);
 2. To conduct pest population surveys under [Article 31-5 of the Act](#) (excluding pest population surveys on areas of an airport or harbor in which import containers are stored and their neighboring areas;
 - 2-2. To conduct pest risk assessments under [Article 31-7 of the Act](#);
 3. To determine whether to take urgent pest control measures; to establish and implement an emergency plan for pest control measures; and to report on the results thereof as prescribed in [Article 32 \(5\) of the Act](#);

4. To issue an order to take pest control measures under [Article 36 \(1\) of the Act](#) and an order requiring a phytosanitary control officer (excluding phytosanitary control officers of a local government) to take urgent pest control measures referred to in paragraph (2) of the Article;
5. To permit the excavation of a parcel of land in which plants, etc. are buried under the proviso of [Article 37-2 \(1\) of the Act](#);
6. To compensate for losses in accordance with [Article 38 of the Act](#); to organize and operate compensation assessment teams and to give public notice of methods, etc. for compensation of losses in accordance with [Article 4-2 \(2\) through \(4\) of this Decree](#);
7. To secure and transfer pest control chemicals and to subsidize expenses incurred in purchasing chemicals in accordance with [Article 39 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#);
8. To commission honorary phytosanitary guards and to reimburse them for expenses incurred in monitoring as prescribed in [Article 42 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#);
9. To pay monetary awards in accordance with [Article 43 \(2\) of the Act](#) (limited to the filing of a report with the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration or relevant Mayor/Do Governor);
10. Imposition and collection of administrative fines on any of the following persons:
 - (a) A person who violates an order issued to take pest control measures issued under [Article 36 \(1\) \(excluding an order to conduct discarding issued under subparagraph 3 of that paragraph\) of the Act](#) in [Article 50 \(1\) 4 of the Act](#);
 - (b) A person who violates an order issued by a phytosanitary control officer (excluding phytosanitary control officers of a local government) to take measures under [Article 36 \(2\) of the Act](#) in [Article 50 \(1\) 4 of the Act](#);
 - (c) A person who fails to report the outbreak of pests under 50 (2) 4 of the Act in areas in which the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration or relevant Mayor/Do Governor shall conduct research on the outbreak of pests as prescribed in [Article 33 \(1\) of the Act](#);
11. Public Notice on the Standards, Methods, and Procedures for the Payment of Reward Money under Article 5, Paragraph 2 (Limited to Cases Reported to the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration or the Head of a City or Province)
 - (2) Pursuant to Article 46, Paragraph 1 of the Act, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs delegates the authority under the following subparagraphs to the Commissioner of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency. <Amended Mar. 23, 2013; Nov. 28, 2017; Jun. 25, 2019; Mar. 10, 2020; Jan. 23, 2024>
 1. To designate weeds (including seeds) as any of the pests defined in subparagraph 2 (c) of [Article 2 of the Act](#) and to give public notice thereon;
 2. To analyze and assess pest risks as prescribed in [Article 6 \(1\) of the Act](#);
 - 2-2. To determine and give public notice of disinfection facilities under [Article 7-3 \(2\) 3 of the Act](#);
 3. To formulate and implement technology development plans for phytosanitary measures of [Article 7-4 of the Act](#);

4. To determine and give public notice of the quantity of importing plants for planting or propagation in accordance with the proviso of [Article 8 \(3\) 2 of the Act](#);
- 4-2. To determine and give public notice on detailed necessary criteria for recognition of contents of a phytosanitary certificate in accordance with [Article 8 \(4\) of the Act](#);
5. To recognize that relevant pests are unlikely to inflict economic damage on domestic plants, based on the results of pest risk analysis, as prescribe in the proviso of [Article 10 \(1\) 2 of the Act](#);
6. To permit the importation of prohibited articles for testing, research, or display at an international exhibition recognized by the Government; and for securing agricultural genetic resources under [Article 10 \(2\) 1 of the Act](#);
7. To determine whether pests cause any damage on domestic plants, based on the results of pest risk analysis conducted under [Article 10 \(2\) 2 of the Act](#);
- 7-2. To permit the importation of prohibited articles for the purpose of exportation after re-packaging and processing as prescribed in [Article 10 \(2\) 3 of the Act](#);
8. To determine, in accordance with [Article 10 \(3\) of the Act](#), the methods of importation and follow-up management; and other necessary conditions with regard to articles that may be imported under each subparagraph of paragraph (2);
- 8-2. To revoke or restrict permissions issued for prohibited articles as referred to in [Article 10 \(5\) 1 and 2 of the Act](#);
9. To place a temporary restriction on importation in accordance with [Article 11 \(1\) of the Act](#) and termination of restriction on importation;
10. To request for inspecting or disinfecting growing areas and taking other necessary measures and to designate countries and plants subject to such request in accordance with [Article 11 \(2\) of the Act](#);
11. To place restriction on the importation of plants in accordance with [Article 11 \(3\) of the Act](#);
12. To designate and give public notice on wood packaging material under [Article 12-2 \(1\) of the Act](#);
- 12-2. To designate an institution specialized in inspection of plant pests (hereinafter referred to as "specialized inspection institution") in accordance with [Article 15-2 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#);
- 12-3. To approve an application for change, or to receive a report on change, filed by a specialized inspection institution under [Article 15-2 \(4\) of the Act](#);
- 12-4. To receive a report on the results of inspection conducted by a specialized inspection institution under [Article 15-2 \(5\) of the Act](#);
- 12-5. To take necessary measures, such as revocation of designation of specialized inspection institution, suspension of business, and issuance of a corrective order, as prescribed in [Article 15-3 \(1\) of the Act](#);
13. To determine and give public notice on taking phytosanitary measures for overseas production sites and applying quarantine methods, etc. for such sites in accordance with [Article 19 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#);

14. To designate and give public notice on ships or other means of transportation under [Article 28-2 \(2\) of the Act](#);
15. Deleted; <Nov. 28, 2017>
16. To take phytosanitary measures; to issue an order to disinfect, discard, etc.; to take other necessary measures, such as limitation on transfer; and to designate and give public notice on plants and areas subject to phytosanitary measures and methods of phytosanitary measures as prescribed in [Article 30 of the Act](#);
- 16-2. To receive reports on the outbreak of pests, etc. subject to pest control measures made under [Article 30-2 \(1\) of the Act](#) (limited to reports on areas in which the head of a phytosanitary agency investigates the outbreak of pests in accordance with [Article 33 \(1\) of the Act](#));
17. To conduct an epidemiological investigation under [Article 31-6 of the Act](#);
- 17-2. To request for cooperation in investigating pests, taking pest control measures, and improving environments and to examine whether such request has been complied with as prescribed in [Article 33 \(3\) and \(4\) of the Act](#);
18. To issue an order to require a plant quarantine officer (excluding plant quarantine officers of a local government) to take urgent measures in accordance with [Article 36 \(2\) of the Act](#);
19. To commission honorary phytosanitary guards and to reimburse them for expenses incurred in monitoring as prescribed in [Article 42 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#);
20. To pay monetary awards in accordance with [Article 43 \(1\) and \(2\) of the Act](#) (limited to the filing of a report or a criminal complaint with the head of a phytosanitary agency or investigating agency);
21. To subsidize a private individual or an organization for expenses incurred in installing facilities for inspection, disinfection, or discarding of imported plants in accordance with [Article 45 of the Act](#);
- 21-2. To request for the provision of information under [Article 45-2 \(2\) of the Act](#);
22. To grant disposition for imposition of an administrative fine on any of the following persons and collect such administrative fine:
 - (a) A person who falls under any of [Article 50 \(1\) 1 through 3 of the Act](#);
 - (b) A person who violates an order issued by a plant quarantine officer (excluding plant quarantine officers of a local government) referred to in [Article 50 \(1\) 4 of the Act](#);
 - (c) A person who falls under any of [Article 50 \(2\) 1 through 3 of the Act](#);
 - (d) A person who fails to report the outbreak of pests under [Article 50 \(2\) 4 of the Act](#) in an area in which the head of a phytosanitary agency shall conduct research on the outbreak of pests as prescribed in [Article 33 \(1\) of the Act](#);
 - (e) A person who falls under any of [Article 50 \(3\) of the Act](#);
23. To give public notice on detailed standards for professional human resources, facilities, and equipment required under [Article 3 \(3\)](#);
- 23-2. To determine and give public notice on detailed matters, including pest investigations, pest control measures, and environmental improvement in accordance with [Article 3-5 \(2\)](#);

24. To give public notice on standards, methods, and procedures to pay monetary awards under [Article 5 \(2\)](#) (limited to the filing of a report or a criminal complaint with the head of a plant quarantine agency or investigation agency).

(3) The Minister of shall, in accordance with [Article 46 \(1\) of the Act](#), entrust with the President of the International Plant-Quarantine Accreditation Board established under [Article 29-2 of the Act](#) the affairs regarding pest population surveys (limited to pest population surveys on areas of an airport or harbor in which import containers are stored and their neighboring areas) under [Article 31-5 of the Act](#). <Added on Jun. 25, 2019>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jan. 13, 2012]

[Title Amended on Jun. 25, 2019]

Article 6-2 (Processing of Personally Identifiable Information)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (including any person delegated the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs pursuant to Article 6), the Mayors of Special Metropolitan Cities, Metropolitan Cities, and Special Self-Governing Cities, the Governors of Provinces and Special Self-Governing Provinces, the heads of Si/Gun/Gu (autonomous Gu), and the heads of autonomous Gus may, where unavoidable for the performance of the affairs specified in the following subparagraphs, process data containing resident registration numbers, passport numbers, or alien registration numbers as referred to in Article 19, Subparagraph 1, 2, or 4 of the Enforcement Decree of the Personal Information Protection Act. <Amended Jun. 25, 2019; Jan. 23, 2024; Jul. 16, 2024>

1. Inspecting articles subject to phytosanitary measures in accordance with [Article 12 of the Act](#);

1-2. Verifying the requirements for designation of specialized inspection institutions specified under [Article 15-2 \(2\) of the Act](#);

1-3. Conducting epidemiological investigations under [Article 31-6 \(1\) of the Act](#);

2. Issuing orders and taking measures in accordance with [Article 36 \(1\) through \(3\) of the Act](#);

3. Requiring to bear expenses as provided in the proviso of [Article 37 of the Act](#);

4. Compensating for losses under [Article 38 of the Act](#);

5. Subsidizing livelihood stabilization expenses under [Article 38-2 of the Act](#).

(2) The Commissioner of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency may handle data in which resident registration numbers under subparagraph 1 of [Article 19](#) the [Enforcement Decree of the Personal Information Protection Act](#) are included, where it is essential for conducting affairs regarding the registration of business for heat treatment of timber for exportation or importation under [Article 40 of the Act](#).

[This Article Wholly Amended on Nov. 28, 2017]

Article 7 (Criteria for Imposition of Administrative Fines)

The criteria for the imposition of administrative fines pursuant to Article 50, Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the Act shall be as set forth in Attached Table 2. <Amended Jan. 13, 2012; Jul. 16, 2024>

Appendix 1

<Newly established on July 16, 2024>

Reduction Criteria for Compensation (Related to Article 4-2, Paragraph 2)

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Appendix 2

<Amended on September 2, 2025>

STANDARDS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF A FINE (Related to Article 7)

1. General standards

A. The weighted imposition standard for fines according to the number of violations shall be applied in cases where a fine has been imposed for the same violation in the past 3 years. In this case, the calculation period shall be based on the date of the fine imposition for the same violation and the date of detection for the same violation again after the imposition.

B. In the case of a weighted imposition according to item A, the number of times the weighted imposition shall be applied shall be the number of times the fine was imposed before the violation (if there were two or more fine impositions within the period according to item A, the higher number shall apply).

C. The person with the authority to impose a fine may reduce the amount of the fine by up to half of the amount of the fine according to the individual standards of item 2 in any of the following cases:

1) If the violator falls under any of the provisions of Article 2-2, Paragraph 1 of the Enforcement Decree of the Act on the Regulation of Public Order Violations 2) If it is deemed necessary to reduce the fine in consideration of the degree of violation, motive for violation, and consequences, etc. In the case of two or more violations, the person with the authority to impose a fine may increase the amount by half of the higher amount among the fine amounts according to the individual standards of Paragraph 2. However, even in the case of an increase, the amount shall not exceed the upper limit of the fine amount according to Paragraphs 1 through 3 of Article 50 of the Act.

2) If it is determined necessary to reduce the fine in consideration of the degree of violation, motive for violation, and consequences, etc.

D. In the case of two or more violations, the person with the authority to impose a fine may increase the amount by half of the higher amount among the fine amounts according to the individual standards of Article 2. However, even in the case of an increase, the amount shall not exceed the upper limit of the fine amount according to Article 50, Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the Act.

2. Individual standards (02.09.2025)

Violation	Applicable provisions	Amount of a fine		
		1x	2x	More than 3 x
A. a person who is conveying or storing plants subject to quarantine inspection, in violation of standards stipulated by the Ordinance of the Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in accordance with Article 7	paragraph 2 (1) of Article 50 of the Act			

Violation	Applicable provisions	Amount of a fine		
		1x	2x	More than 3 x
(1) a person who violates the standards during the conveyance of plants subject to quarantine inspection in the process of importation		10	20	40
(2) a person who violates the standards during the conveyance of plants subject to quarantine inspection in the process of transit in Korea		100	200	400
(3) a person who violates the standards during the storage of plants subject to quarantine inspection in the process of importation		50	100	200
(4) a person who violates the standards during the storage of plants subject to quarantine inspection in the process of transit in Korea		100	200	400
B. A person who makes a false statement in response to a question under Article 7-3 (3) or Article 31-3 (2) of the Act;	paragraph 3 (1) of Article 50 of the Act	25	50	100
C. A person who refuses, obstructs or avoids to confirm the cargo manifest without justifiable reason in violation of Article 7-3 paragraph (4) of the Act	paragraph 3 (2) of Article 50 of the Act	50	100	300
D. A person who transports an article subject to phytosanitary measures from one bonded area to another without any inspection at the port of its first arrival, which is a port of importation, in violation of Article 12 (1)	paragraph 1 (1) of Article 50 of the Act	200	500	1000
E. A person who makes a false declaration for an article subject to phytosanitary measures imported for personal consumption or as moving good rather than for sale, imports such article without any inspection, or passes an inspection by fraud or other wrongful means, in violation of Article 1(1)	paragraph 3 (2) of Article 50 of the Act	10	50	100
F. A person who delays a declaration under Article 12 (1) or (2)	paragraph 3 (3) of Article 50 of the Act			
1) delayed declaration for moving good		10	30	90

Violation	Applicable provisions	Amount of a fine		
		1x	2x	More than 3 x
2) If the application for inspection is delayed for all imported consignments except moving goods		100	200	300
G. In the event that an article subject to phytosanitary measures that has no owner (including cases where the owner is unknown) or whose owner refuses to receive it is brought into the quarantine site in violation of Article 12, Paragraph 4 of the Act (including cases where the owner no longer exists or the owner refuses to receive the article subject to phytosanitary measures after it is brought in), and the fact is not reported to the head of the plant quarantine agency even though the fact is known.	paragraph 3 (3-2) of Article 50 of the Act	100	200	300
H. In case of not reporting the fact to the head of the plant quarantine agency that the consignment contains articles subject to phytosanitary measures even though he/she knows it or suspects that the consignment contains articles subject to phytosanitary measures in violation of Article 12, Paragraph 7 of the Act.	paragraph 3 (3-3) of Article 50 of the Act	10	30	90
I. A person who fails to undergo inspection under Article 12 (9) of the Act, or who passes such inspection by fraud or other wrongful means	Art. 50 3 (4)	10	20	40
2-2. Failure to make the report required under Article 12, Paragraph 9 of the Act without delay	Art. 50 para 3 (4-2)	5	10	40
J. A person who fails to file a report, files a false report, or fails to dispose of the wood packaging material of a consignment or mail, in violation of Article 12-2 (1)	paragraph 2 (2) of Article 50 of the Act			
1) A person who fails to file a report, filed a false report or failed to dispose of the wooden packing material that is carried, imported, shipped or mailed.		10	20	40
2) A person who fails to report, falsely reports or fails to dispose of the wood packaging material imported in any other way.		100	200	400

Violation	Applicable provisions	Amount of a fine		
		1x	2x	More than 3 x
K. In case of violation of the quarantine cultivation order for plants for planting or propagation under Article 13 of the Act	paragraph 1 (2) of Article 50 of the Act			
1) if the regulated plants have not been moved to the quarantine facility (incl. storage; hereinafter the same shall apply) by the designated date without a justifiable reason)		25	50	100
2) in case of not following the legitimate instructions of the plant quarantine officer related to the quarantine cultivation order, such as supplementing quarantine cultivation facilities		100	200	400
3) deleted <2017. 11. 28.>				
L. In case of intentionally forging, altering or damaging the tag in violation of Article 13, Paragraph 3 of the Act	paragraph 1 (2) of Article 50 of the Act	100	200	400
M. In case of refusing, obstructing or avoiding entry inspection or investigation pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the same Article without justifiable cause in violation of Paragraph 7 of Article 15-2 of the Act	Article 50, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 4-3 of the Act	50	100	300
N. If regulated pests found in articles subject to plant quarantine are not reported in violation of Articles 19-2 and 27-2 of the Act	Paragraph 2 (2-2) of Article 50 of the Act	150	250	400
O. If transit consignments were not reported in violation of Art. 25 of the Act	50 2 (3) of the Act	100	200	400
P. A person who refuses, interferes with, or evades phytosanitary measures or fails to comply with an order to conduct disinfection or discarding or an order to take necessary measures, such as refraining from movement, in violation of Article 30	paragraph 1 (3) of Article 50 of the Act	500	750	1000
Q. Failure to report the occurrence of pests by violation of Article 30-2 (1) of the Act	paragraph 2 (4) of Article 50 of the Act			
1) Failure to report a plant damaged by an unknown pest		10	20	40

Violation	Applicable provisions	Amount of a fine		
		1x	2x	More than 3 x
2) Failure to report a regulated pest according to Article 2 (4) of the Act or a regulated pest under Article 32 (3) of the Act		100	200	400
3) Failure to report a pest suspected to be a pest discovered for the first time in Korea		150	250	400
Where a person, in violation of Article 30-3, Paragraph 7, refuses, obstructs, or evades entry, inspection, or investigation under Paragraph 6 of the same Article without justifiable grounds.	paragraph 3 (4-4) of Article 50 of the Act	50	100	300
S. In case of refusing, obstructing or avoiding entry inspection or investigation pursuant to Paragraph 6 of the same Article without justifiable reason in violation of Article 33-2 Paragraph 7 of the Act	paragraph 3 (4-5) of Article 50 of the Act	50	100	300
T. In case of falsely creating or failing to create or preserve records pursuant to Article 33-4 Paragraph 2 of the Act	paragraph 3 (4-6) of Article 50 of the Act	50	100	300
U Failure to comply with preventive guidelines in violation of Article 33-5, Paragraph 3 of the Act	paragraph 3 (4-7) of Article 50 of the Act	100	200	300
V. A person who violates an order to take pest control measures under Article 36 (1) (excluding an order to conduct a disposal under subparagraph 3 of the same paragraph) or a phytosanitary control officer's or plant quarantine officer's order to take measures under paragraph (2) of the same Article	paragraph 1 (4) of Article 50 of the Act	500	750	1000
W. A person who fails to file a report on succession to the status of an export-import timber heat treatment business operator without justifiable reason, in violation of Article 40-3 (3)	paragraph 3 (5) of Article 50 of the Act	100	200	300

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 21251, Jan. 6, 2009>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on Mar. 22, 2009.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Administrative Fines)

In applying an administrative fine for an act committed before this Decree enters into force the previous provisions shall govern.

Article 3 (Relationship to Other Statutes and Regulations)

Where the previous [Enforcement Decree of the Plant Protection Act](#) or any provision thereof is cited by another statute or regulation as at the time this Decree enters into force and this Decree includes any corresponding provision thereto, this Decree or such corresponding provision is deemed cited in lieu of the previous provision.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 22732, Mar. 29, 2011>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Administrative Fines)

Notwithstanding the amended provisions of the Appendix, the previous provisions shall govern in applying the criteria for administrative fines to acts committed before this Decree enters into force.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 22962, Jun. 7, 2011>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on June 15, 2011.

Articles 2 and 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 22977, Jun. 24, 2011>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Articles 2 and 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 23508, Jan. 13, 2012>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on January 15, 2012.

Article 2 (Applicability to Importation of Prohibited Items)

The amended provisions of subparagraph 2 of [Article 3](#) shall apply beginning with items loaded on a ship after this Decree enters into force.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Compensation for Losses)

Applications for compensation for losses filed with the Minister of Agriculture, Maritime and Food in accordance with the previous provisions at the time this Decree enters into force shall be deemed filed with the Administrator of the Rural Development Administration in accordance with the amended provisions of [Article 4-2](#) (4) and [Article 6](#) (1) 6.

Article 4 (Transitional Measures concerning Administrative Fines)

In applying administrative fines to acts committed before this Decree enters into force, the previous provisions shall govern.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 23983, Jul. 24, 2012>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on July 26, 2012.

Articles 2 through 4 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 24455, Mar. 23, 2013>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 6 Omitted.

ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 25532, Aug. 6, 2014>

This Decree shall enter into force on August 7, 2014.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 26754, Dec. 22, 2015>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on December 23, 2015.

Articles 2 and 3 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 28450, Nov. 28, 2017>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on December 3, 2017.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Monetary Awards)

With regard to monetary awards for persons who have filed a report or a criminal complaint under [Article 43 of the Act](#) before this Decree enters into force, the previous [Article 5](#) (1) shall apply.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Administrative Fines)

(1)

Notwithstanding the amended provisions of subparagraph 1 (a) of the Appendix, with regard to the imposition of an administrative fine for a violation committed before this Decree enters into force, only the imposition of an administrative fine granted within one year from the date on which the violation is exposed shall be counted in calculating the number of violations.

(2)

Notwithstanding the amended provisions of subparagraph 2 (j) of the Appendix, the previous subparagraph 2 (g) of the Appendix shall apply to the imposition of an administrative fine for a violation committed before this Decree.

ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 29909, Jun. 25, 2019>

This Decree shall enter into force on July 1, 2019.

ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 30518, Mar. 10, 2020>

This Decree shall enter into force on March 11, 2020.

ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 32264, Dec. 28, 2021>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 (Applicability to Sharing Compensation for Losses)

The amended provisions of [Article 4-2](#) (4) shall begin to apply where compensation for losses caused by orders issued under [Article 36 of the Act](#) on or after January 1, 2022 is shared.