

Plants (Importation and Exportation) Regulations 1976
[GN 101 of 1976 – 24 July 1976] [Section 32]

1. These regulations may be cited as the Plants (Importation and Exportation) Regulations 1976.

2. In these regulations –

“Act” means the [Plant Protection Act](#);

“certificate” means a phytosanitary certificate in the form set out in the First Schedule;

“declaration” means a declaration on a phytosanitary certificate attesting conformity with any special condition of a permit;

“Director-General” has the same meaning as in the [Mauritius Revenue Authority Act](#);

“effective date”, in relation to an application, means the date by which all required documents, information or samples are submitted;

“exportation” includes sending from the Island of Mauritius, Rodrigues, Agaléga or St. Brandon to any other such island or group of islands;

“importation” includes bringing into the Island of Mauritius, Rodrigues, Agaléga or St. Brandon from any other such island or group of islands;

“permit” means a permit issued by an officer under these regulations;

“treat” means fumigate, immerse, spray, dust or free any article of disease or pest in such manner as an officer may determine.

[Reg. 2 amended by reg. 3 of GN 182 of 2019 w.e.f. 1 September 2019.]

3. (1) Any occupier of land who wishes to have his land or any plant material on his land treated or inspected by an officer shall make a written application to an officer at least 14 days before the day on which he wishes the treatment or inspection to be commenced.

(2) The occupier shall pay the charges specified in the Second Schedule in respect of any land or plant material treated or inspected by the officer under paragraph (1).

4. (1) No person shall import or cause to import a plant, plant product or other regulated article unless he holds a plant import permit, or has applied for phytosanitary inspection, as the case may be, from the NPPO.



(2) An application for a plant import permit or a phytosanitary inspection shall be made through the TradeNet or in such other manner as NPPO may determine and shall be –

(a) accompanied –

- (i) in the case of an application made through the TradeNet, by a scanned copy of the application form approved by the NPPO, duly filled in;
- (ii) by such other document as may be specified in the guidelines;

(b) subject to –

- (i) the payment of the appropriate fees and charges specified in the Second Schedule; and
- (ii) such conditions as may be specified in the guidelines.

(3) On receipt of an application under paragraph (2), an officer –

- (a) may require the applicant to submit such further additional information as may be necessary to consider his application; and
- (b) shall process the application and may issue or grant the plant import permit or phytosanitary inspection, as the case may be, not later than 5 working days after the effective date..

(3A) (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), where verification, testing or analysis of the plant, plant product or other regulated article is required, the officer shall grant or refuse to issue or grant the plant import permit or phytosanitary inspection, as the case may be, not later than 2 working days –

- (i) after the verification of the goods; or
- (ii) after the receipt of the report,

as the case may be.

(b) The plant import permit or phytosanitary inspection shall be issued or granted on payment of the fees specified in the Second Schedule for the purpose of testing, analysis or inspection.

(c) For the purpose of paragraph (a), where the goods are under



customs control, the officer shall take the goods or a sample of the goods, as the case may be, in accordance with section 25B(3) of the [Customs Act](#).

(3B) For the purpose of paragraphs (3) and (3A), the officer shall notify his decision to issue or grant or refuse to issue or grant the plant import permit or the phytosanitary inspection to the Director-General and the importer through the TradeNet or in such other manner as NPPO may determine.

(3C) Subject to regulations 5 and 6, the Director-General shall release or clear the plant, plant product or other regulated article imported in accordance with section 25B of the [Customs Act](#).

(3D) (a) Any fee or charge under this regulation shall be paid to the Director-General through the TradeNet in such other manner as the Director-General may determine.

(b) The Director-General shall, not later than 15 working days after the end of every month, remit the fees collected to NPPO.

(4) Every consignment of articles imported from a place outside Mauritius must be accompanied by a certificate issued in the country of origin not more than 14 days before the despatch of the consignment and by any declaration required by the officer.

[Reg. 4 amended by reg. 3 of GN 110 of 1980 w.e.f. 10 May 1980; reg. 4 of GN 182 of 2019 w.e.f. 1 September 2019.]

5. The importer of an article shall –

- (a) give notice to the officer before taking delivery of the article;
- (b) give the officer any assistance required for the inspection of the consignment of article; and
- (c) pay the charges specified in the Second Schedule for the inspection and for any treatment given.

6. The officer may, on the importation of any article –

- (a) where the article is infected, order that the article –
 - (i) be destroyed by the importer, without compensation, under the supervision of the officer; or
 - (ii) be subjected to such treatment as the officer may determine; or



- (b) in the case of plant material, direct that it be planted in a quarantine station or in a nursery apart from plant material of the same kind and be subject to inspection by an officer.

7. The exportation of any plant material specified in the first column of the Third Schedule to the destination specified in the second column of the Schedule shall be prohibited or restricted as specified in the third column of the Schedule.

8. (1) Any person who wishes to export or re-export an article shall –

- (a) make a written application to an officer for a permit or certificate;
- (b) where possible, produce a plant import permit from the country of destination;
- (c) submit the article to an officer for inspection and certification at such time and place as the officer may determine;
- (d) pay the fees and charges specified in the Second Schedule in respect of –
 - (i) every inspection and certification; and
 - (ii) any treatment ordered by the officer.

(2) The procedures set out in regulation 4(1) to (3D) shall apply, in respect of an application for –

- (a) an export phytosanitary certificate under section 22 of the Act;
- (b) a re-export phytosanitary certificate under section 23 of the Act; or
- (c) any permit, certificate or authorisation required in respect of importation and exportation under the Act,

with such modifications, adaptations and exceptions as may be necessary.

[Reg. 8 amended by reg. 5 of GN 182 of 2019 w.e.f. 1 September 2019.]

9. An officer may, subject to such conditions as he may determine, issue or refuse to issue any permit or certificate.



FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICAT PHYTOSANITAIRE

National Plant Protection Office

Service de la Protection des Végétaux de l'Île Maurice

To – National Plant Protection Office of

Au – Service de la Protection des Végétaux de

This is to certify –

Il est certifié –

that (all), (representative samples), of the (plants) (plant products) described below were thoroughly examined on (date) and were found to be substantially free from injurious pests and diseases and that the consignment is believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country, both as stated in the additional declaration hereon and otherwise.

que les végétaux, ou produits végétaux décrits ci-dessous ont été minutieusement examinés en totalité ou sur échantillon représentatif le (date) et sont jugés pratiquement indemnes d'ennemis et maladies dangereuses des cultures et que l'envoi est estimé conforme aux règlements phytosanitaires actuellement en vigueur dans le pays importateur, ainsi qu'il est spécifié dans la déclaration supplémentaire ci-après ailleurs.

IDENTITY AND DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT

IDENTITÉ ET DESCRIPTION DE L'ENVOI

Name and address of exporter

Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur

Name and address of consignee

Nom et adresse du destinataire

Number and description of packages



Nombre et nature des colis

Distinguishing marks

Marque des colis

Origin (if required by importing country)

Provenance (sur la demande du pays importateur)

Means of conveyance

Moyen de transport

Point of entry

Point d'entrée

Quantity (or weight) and name of produce

Contenu (ou poids) de l'envoi

Botanical name (if required by importing country)

Nom botanique (sur la demande du pays importateur)

FUMIGATION OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

FUMIGATION OU DÉSINFECTION

..... Treatment/ *Traitement*

Date

Duration and temperature/ *Durée et température*

Chemical and concentration/ *Produit chimique utilisé et concentration*

Additional information/ *Information supplémentaire*

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Additional declaration/ *Déclaration supplémentaire*

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Stamp of the Service/
Cachet du Service

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Date

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Name of officer/*Nom de l'officier*

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Signature

No finance liability shall lie against the Ministry responsible for the subject of Agro-Industry or against any officer or representative of that Ministry with respect to this certificate.

Le Ministre de l'agro-industrie ou aucun officier ou représentant du Ministère ne peut être tenu responsable du présent certificat.



SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulations 3, 4, 5, and 8]

FEES AND CHARGES

	(Rs)	
1. Fumigation		
For bulk treatment	200 per 20 metre cube	
For small parcels or packages	25 each	
2. Treatment, other than Fumigation, provided at the Quarantine Stations		
(a) commercial consignments	25 each	
(b) non-commercial consignments	10 each	
3. Other treatment		
Travelling expenses, expenses where transport is provided by the Chief Agricultural Officer, and value of material used plus –		
(a) for the first hour or part of an hour per man	15	
(b) for every hour or part of an hour after the first hour per man	5	
4. Inspection and certification fees		
Commercial exports	25 per consignment	
Non-commercial exports	10 per consignment	



Commercial imports	25 per consignment	
Non-commercial imports	5 per consignment	
5. Permits		
Import permit	5 per permit	
6. Inspection at premises or active growth inspection		
Travelling expenses, where transport is provided by the Chief Agricultural Officer, plus –		
(a) per inspection in respect of premises where articles are stored	50	
(b) per inspection in respect of plantation –		
(i) not exceeding one arpent	50	
(ii) exceeding one arpent	25 for every additional arpent or fraction thereof	
7. Quarantine fees		
Adult rooted plants	20 per container or plant	
Seedings, cuttings, tubers, bulbs, corms, etc.	5 per unit	

[Second Sch. revoked and replaced by reg. 4 of GN 110 of 1980 w.e.f. 10 May 1980.]



THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulation 7]

EXPORTATION FROM THE ISLAND OF MAURITIUS

Article	Destination	Prohibition/Restriction
<i>Citrus</i> genus	Rodrigues	Prohibited
Planting material	Rodrigues	Permit from an officer
<i>Raquette (opuntia spp.)</i>	Rodrigues	Prohibited
Sugar cane planting material	Any destination	Permit from an officer

