

Quarantine Requirements for The Importation of Fresh Fruits from The Netherlands

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1. The importation of fresh fruits from the Netherlands shall be regulated pursuant to the “Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” , its enforcement rules and “Quarantine Requirements for The Importation of Plants or Plant Products into The Republic of China — B. Quarantine Requirements for Enterable Plants or Plant Products under Precautionary Requirements” and shall be in compliance with the following requirements.
2. Requirements for designated production areas
 - 2.1 Areas: Westland, De Kring, Brielle, Veghel, Helenaveen, Heusden, Egche, Sevenum, Betuwe Bommelerwaard, Ens and Harmelerwaard.
 - 2.2 The designated production areas shall be verified by the plant quarantine authorities of the Netherlands (hereinafter referred to as “the Netherlands quarantine authority”) as areas free of Mediterranean fruit fly by conducting a survey described in the Article 3.
 - 2.3 The indicator plants of the tobacco blue mold, namely, *Nicotiana tabacum*, *N. glutinosa* and *N. clevelandii* should be planted 12 each in Westland from June to September every year to assure no occurrence of the disease.
 - 2.4 The requirements apply only to the fresh fruits of bell pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*), hot pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), eggplant (*Solanum melongena*), gourd (*Cucurbita pepo*), cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*), strawberry (*Fragaria ananassa*), melon (*Cucumis melo*), and grapes (*Vitis vinifera*), and the fresh fruits shall come from production facilities designated by the Netherlands quarantine authority in designated production areas.
3. Survey of occurrence of Mediterranean fruit fly
 - 3.1 Traps Survey
 - 3.1.1 Jackson trap with Trimedlure attractant shall be installed by the Netherlands quarantine authority. The location and the number of traps shall be installed that the Mediterranean fruit fly can mostly be trapped.

- 3.1.2 Traps must be checked and sticky-board inserts must be changed once every two weeks from May to the end of production season. From January to April, traps must be checked and sticky-board inserts must be changed once every four weeks. Attractants shall be renewed once every four to eight weeks depending on types of attractants to be used.
- 3.1.3 Traps shall be installed in the fields of designated production areas, designated production facilities, quarantine monitoring areas i.e. entry points (harbors and airports) of imported fresh fruits and nearby wholesale markets, and places where the risk of introducing Mediterranean fruit fly was present.
- 3.1.4 At least 100 traps shall be installed in the quarantine monitoring areas from May to October every year.
- 3.1.5 For Westland and De Kring areas, At least 100 traps shall be installed in the fields of designated production areas and designation production facilities from May to October every year. From November to April, at least 100 traps shall be installed in the designated production facilities. Traps shall be installed in a manner as the following directions in Brielle, Veghel, Helenaveen, Heusden, Egche, Sevenum, Betuwe Bommelerwaard, Ens and Harmelerwaard areas:
- 3.1.5.1 A buffer zone of 1.2 km radius shall be set around the designation production facilities.
- 3.1.5.2 One trap shall be installed for ever 1.5 km² area in the buffer zone outside of the facility from May to October.
- 3.1.5.3 One trap shall be installed inside of every facility.

3.2 Fruits Survey

- 3.2.1 From May to October every year, survey shall be carried out on the host fruits imported from areas infested by Mediterranean fruit fly. The sampled fruits shall be cut open for inspection. Injured or deformed fruits shall be put into a growth chamber with temperature set at 23°C – 28°C for two to three weeks to see if they are infested with the Mediterranean fruit fly. (Hereinafter referred to as “incubation method”)
- 3.2.2 If Mediterranean fruit fly is detected from trap survey in the quarantine monitoring areas, the fresh fruits of host plants grown in the field in the designated production areas shall be sampled and cut open for inspection at least once every month from May to October, and the incubation method shall be performed.

3.2.3 The fresh fruit produced in each designated production facility shall be checked after harvest by sampling and cutting open the fruits suspected of being infested with Mediterranean fruit fly, and the incubation method shall be performed prior to exportation.

4. Confirmation of product origin

4.1 Complete records of traps survey and fruits survey shall be made available to Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ hereinafter). Lists of designated production areas and production facilities in compliance with the aforementioned requirements along with the code numbers, supplier's names and the size of the facilities shall be certified and sent to the BAPHIQ by the Netherlands quarantine authority.

4.2 Prior to export to Taiwan, the Netherlands quarantine authority shall formally invite BAPHIQ to send quarantine inspectors in summer to jointly perform field and export inspections with the Netherlands quarantine inspectors. BAPHIQ may send quarantine inspectors to perform the inspections. All necessary expenses for BAPHIQ inspector shall be borne by the Netherlands.

5. Packinghouses and packing materials

5.1 The packinghouses must be located within the designated production areas.

5.2 If the packing cartons have ventilation holes, either the ventilation holes shall be covered with screen of no more than 1.6 mm fine meshes, or the packing cartons with pallet shall be netted with screen of no more than 1.6mm fine meshes and sealed by the seals of the Netherlands quarantine authority to prevent incursion of pests.

5.3 The names or code numbers of designated production areas and designated production facilities shall be clearly marked on the packing cartons.

5.4 Each packing carton or netted cartons with pallet shall be sealed by the quarantine tape authorized by the Netherlands quarantine authority.

6. Export Inspection

6.1 Export inspection shall be carried out on no less than 2 percent of the total number of

packing cartons.

- 6.2 If living Mediterranean fruit fly and other harmful plant pests are found during inspection, the consignment shall be rejected and shall not be submitted for reinspection.
- 6.3 The fresh fruits which pass quarantine inspection shall be accompanied with phytosanitary certificate issued by the Netherlands quarantine authority, stating that the fruits have been inspected and found free from Mediterranean fruit fly and other quarantine pests designated by Taiwan, and with additional declaration stating that the fruits come from designated production areas and designated production facilities that are free from Mediterranean fruit fly.

7. Import Inspection

- 7.1 The phytosanitary certificate with the additional declaration issued by the Netherlands quarantine authority shall be in compliance with the aforementioned quarantine requirements.
- 7.2 Procedures, methods, and sampling for import inspection shall follow the “Enforcement Rules of The Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” and other quarantine regulations.
- 7.3 If the consignment is not accompanied with the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Netherlands quarantine authority, or it fails to comply with the quarantine requirements, the consignment shall be denied entry.
- 7.4 If living Mediterranean fruit fly is found in the consignment during inspection, the consignment shall be destroyed or reshipped. BAPHIQ will notify the Netherlands quarantine authority immediately to suspend further export. Export will be resumed only after the cause of infestation is clarified and reported to BAPHIQ, and approval is granted by BAPHIQ.
- 7.5 If any other plant pest of quarantine significance occurs in the Netherlands and it poses risk to the production safety of agriculture in Taiwan, the importation will be suspended by BAPHIQ at any time.

8. Others

- 8.1 If two or more Mediterranean fruit flies are caught in the quarantine monitoring areas, the Netherlands quarantine authority shall inform BAPHIQ immediately and strengthen its

pest survey in quarantine monitoring areas, designated production areas, and designated production facilities, such as increase in the number of traps, the number of trap sites and sampling frequency.

- 8.2 If Mediterranean fruit fly is found in designated production areas and designated production facilities or during export inspection, the Netherlands quarantine authority shall inform BAPHIQ immediately and suspend further export. Export will be resumed only after the cause of infestation is clarified and effective measures to prevent the introduction of Mediterranean fruit flies has taken and approved by BAPHIQ.