

Quarantine Requirements for Plants and Plant Products Entering into the Free Trade Zones

(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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Article 1

These quarantine requirements are enacted pursuant to the provisions set out in Paragraph 5, Article 17 of The Plant Protection and Quarantine Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

Article 2

The term “free trade zones” used in these requirements is the term that has been defined in paragraph 1, Article 3 of the Act for the Establishment and Management of Free Trade Zones.

Article 3

Foreign plants and plant products that have applied for entering into the free trade zones as per paragraph 5, Article 17 of the Act, should follow the quarantine conditions stipulated in item 2, paragraph 1, Article 14 of the Act.

Article 4

When applying for foreign plants or plant products to enter into the free trade zones, the importers or their agents should submit an application form together with the following documentations to the plant quarantine authority for inspection:

1. Phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country, except for plants and plant products that are subject to the certificate exemptions as announced by the plant quarantine authority.
2. Bill of Lading
3. Customs Declaration for Importation
4. Affidavit and a post-entry use plan or other proofing documentation.

Article 5

The exporting country’s phytosanitary certificate mentioned in the prescribed Article

may be issued without consignee detail. Should the destination stated in the phytosanitary certificate is to a third country or area, the plant quarantine authority shall make a copy of the certificate after the inspection and return the original certificate to the importers or their agent. If there is a demand for the plants or plant products to be transported to taxation zones, they must meet relevant quarantine and customs requirements as stipulated in paragraph 1 Article 17 of the Act prior entering into taxation zones.

Article 6

Foreign plants and plant products that have passed quarantine inspection are allowed to enter into the free trade zones. Non-compliant plants and plant products shall follow the requirements as stipulated in Article 18, paragraph 1 Article 18 and Article 19 of the Act.

Article 7

The plant quarantine authority shall despatch inspectors to conduct on-site inspection of the goods before entering into the free trade zones. Documentation review could be taken for plants and plant products that are exempted from provision of a phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country.

Article 8

These requirements become effective on the date of promulgation.