

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Kiwifruits from the Republic of Korea to Taiwan

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

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1. The importation of fresh kiwifruits (*Actinidia* spp.) from Korea to Taiwan shall be regulated pursuant to the “Quarantine Requirements for The Importation of Plants or Plant Products into the Republic of China” together with the regulations in the requirements.
2. Requirements for Supplying Orchards
 - 2.1 The supplying orchards must be registered with the plant quarantine authority of Korea (hereinafter referred to as “APQA”) must have a traceability mechanism. APQA should provide the traceability information upon BAPHIQ request.
 - 2.2 The grower of the supplying orchards shall take control measures advised by APQA on pests concerned by Taiwan, such as *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *morsprunorum*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* and *Diapotha actinidiae*. In addition, records of control measures of these pests must be kept for audit. The records of control measures shall contain information including detail information of the name, active ingredients, dates of usage, and concentration for all chemicals used in the growing season.
 - 2.3 Before the end of April each year, APQA shall conduct inspections of all registered supplying orchards to ensure compliance with the requirements.
3. Requirements for Packing Houses
 - 3.1 Packing houses shall be registered with APQA. When these Quarantine Requirements are in effect, then APQA shall provide the list of the registration number, name, and address of packing houses to BAPHIQ that year or before the end of August each year.
 - 3.2 Packing houses shall be equipped with adequate lighting, space, related instrument and equipment and illustrations of damage by the pest for the use by APQA officials when they conduct quarantine inspections, pest identification, and other required work.
 - 3.3 Prior to the start of packing process of each year, the operator of the packing house shall take appropriate pest control measures to remove quarantine pests inside the packing house. If necessary, disinfection measures shall be performed to ensure cleanliness in the packing house.

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3.4 Packing houses shall have at least one qualified technician, who is able to identify fruits infested by quarantine pests and is involved in assisting with sorting and selection of kiwifruit for exporting to Taiwan. Training records of the technician or related information must be kept in the packing houses for audit.

3.5 Packing houses shall set up a comprehensive management work manual and packing records. If there are kiwifruits stored or being processed in the packing houses which are not for export to Taiwan, there must be an appropriate separation space segregating the kiwifruits for export to Taiwan. In addition, packing of such kiwifruits cannot occur at the same time as the packing for the kiwifruits for export to Taiwan. However, where the safeguards referred to in Appendix 1 are implemented, it may be conducted simultaneously with fruits for domestic markets or any other countries. Packing records shall be kept for one year for audit.

3.6 For kiwifruits for export to Taiwan, the packing operations must be done and completed inside the packing houses. Moreover, brand new and clean packing materials must be used for them as well. In addition, the kiwifruits which have soil, branches, leaves, weed seeds, and other plant residues attached, are damaged, are deformed, or are suspected to be damaged from pests must be eliminated. Waste fruits must be placed in capped containers and discarded, disposed of or destroyed on a daily basis.

3.7 Each packing carton must be labelled with the name or the registration code number of the packing house.

4. Export Inspection Procedures

4.1 Exportation inspection operations for kiwifruit shall be conducted inside packing houses. Fruits which have been packed shall be inspected and confirmed that each packing box labelled with the name or the registration code number of the packing house by APQA staff members. The inspected samples must be at least 2% of the packages in each lot.

4.2 If any living quarantine pest is found during inspection, the given lot must not be exported to Taiwan.

4.3 Kiwifruits which have passed inspection for exporting to Taiwan shall be accompanied by phytosanitary certificates issued by APQA. The phytosanitary certificates shall state that the kiwifruits have been inspected in compliance with ‘Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Fresh Kiwifruits from Korea to Taiwan’, and the name or the registration code number of the packing house.

5. Kiwifruits transiting through third countries or regions must comply with “the Quarantine Requirements for Transshipment of Plants or Plant Products through Regions Where Specific

Quarantine Pests Are Known to Occur.”

6. Import Inspection Procedures

- 6.1 The phytosanitary certificate issued by APQA and what is stated on it shall comply with these quarantine requirements. If the consignment is not accompanied by the phytosanitary certificate issued by APQA or if the contents listed on the phytosanitary certificate do not comply with these quarantine requirements or other relevant regulations, the correct phytosanitary certificate must be re-submitted. Otherwise, the consignment shall be returned or destroyed.
- 6.2 The procedures, methods, and the sampling for import inspection shall be conducted in accordance with the “Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” of the Republic of China and related quarantine regulations.
- 6.3 Kiwifruits which have soil, branches, leaves, weed seeds and other plant residues attached; which are not accompanied by phytosanitary certificates; or which do not come from approved packing houses are prohibited from importation into Taiwan.

7. On-Site Audit

- 7.1 When these Quarantine Requirements are in effect, then APQA shall provide the inspection records of the supplying orchards and the list of packing houses to invite BAPHIQ to jointly conduct on-site audit of the supplying orchards, packing houses, and the kiwifruit exportation inspection operations that year or before the end of August each year. The audit expenses shall be borne by Korea.
- 7.2 If serious deficiencies or problems which are not in compliance with the quarantine requirements are found in the supplying orchards or packing houses of kiwifruit, the eligibility of exportation to Taiwan of the aforementioned supplying orchards or packing houses shall be suspended by APQA. In addition, APQA shall conduct investigation on the causes and implement improvement measures. The report on the investigation and improvement measures shall be sent to BAPHIQ. Only after receiving the approval from BAPHIQ will the eligibility of the supplying orchards and packing houses to export kiwifruits to Taiwan and the export inspection of kiwifruits for export to Taiwan be restored.
- 7.3 If no quarantine pests of concern by BAPHIQ are found during import inspections in the preceding export season and the on-site audit work was conducted by BAPHIQ in the preceding year, APQA may conduct the on-site audit upon receiving authorization from BAPHIQ. In this case, an on-site audit report in English or Chinese must be sent to BAPHIQ within one month of the completion of the audit.

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8. Other Requirements

8.1 If there is other important pest occurs that may affect Taiwan's agricultural production safety in Korea, the importation of Korean kiwifruits may be suspended at any time.

8.2 In accordance with the change of pest status in Korea and the pest intercepted from Korean kiwifruits, BAPHIQ may proceed further risk assessment and discuss with APQA to adjust the quarantine pest list and relevant quarantine measures.

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【 Appendix 1 】

Safeguard on packing procedure of fresh kiwifruits for export to Taiwan

1. Applicability : fresh kiwifruits from orchards which implemented '2. Requirements for Supplying Orchards' during production season
2. Packing box : Packing box used for export to Taiwan shall be different from packing boxes used for domestic and other markets.
3. Work area : Loading shall be conducted once work area for pallet loading of packed boxes is physically separated and indicated from other work area for boxes destined for domestic or other markets.
4. Separate storage : Kiwifruits for export to Taiwan shall be stored in low-temperature storage facility for export to Taiwan upon completing pallet loading and export inspection.
5. Management and supervision : During fruit grading process, all quarantine safety measures shall be conducted under the management and supervision of APQA qualified technician in charge of fruit grading.
6. Kiwifruits packed for domestic and other markets shall not be exported to Taiwan even though the fruits are cultivated based on Taiwan quarantine requirements.