

## Permit to import plants

Permit to Import Plants under Plant Protection Act No. 35 of 1999

Permission is hereby granted to the person or firm named, in the Schedule hereto to introduce into Sri Lanka the seeds or plants as specified, providing, the same are procured from the or firm, named, that the introduction is made within three months from the date hereof through the Air port of..... or Seaport of .....

and that all the conditions noted in the schedule are observed in addition to such conditions as are prescribed in the regulations issued under Section 12 of the above-mentioned act.

The use of this permit pledges the person or firm in whose favour it is issued to comply faithfully with all conditions imposed and the permit becomes nullified by the non-fulfilment of any condition specified in its schedule.

### SCHEDULE

Name and address of applicant:

Particulars of plants to be imported:

To be supplied by:

Stipulations, if any, regarding inspections, fumigation or disinfection:

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For Director General of Agriculture

Conditions of entry (Continued):

2. The consignment should be covered by following certifications:

2.1. Orange certificate of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) issued by the official seed certification agency of the country of export confirming that the seeds are within the standards set by the Department of Agriculture of Sri Lanka (from those countries that do not have ISTA representation, the certificate from the official seed certification agency of the central/federal government should be submitted). The test report should contain declarations to show:

- i. Lot number and quantity,
- ii. Genetic and physical purity of seeds with specific details of contaminants, if any,
- iii. That seed water content does not exceed the maximum and,
- iv. That seeds have been sampled by the official seed certification agency and tested by

a seed-testing laboratory approved by the government of the exporting country.

2.2 A phytosanitary certificate (model of International Plant Protection Convention) issued within 14 days prior to despatch and issued by a duly authorized officer of the official plant protection organization of the country of export. It should contain declarations:

- i. On botanical names of the seeds including varieties and hybrids,
- ii. On the place and country of origin of the seeds and
- iii. On the seed treatment. (See 7 below for additional declarations required)

2.3. Certificate of origin issued by the Chamber of Commerce of country of export.

2.4. Packing list and bill of lading.

3. Seed must be securely packaged to prevent spillage in transit. Every seed container must bear information on crop, variety and seed treatment, if any, name and address of supplier and lot number.

4. On arrival of the consignment at the port of entry, the importer must inform the details of the import to:

- i. Officer-in-Charge, Seed Certification Service , P.O. box 3, Peradeniya and,
- ii. Officer-in-Charge, Plant Quarantine Station at the port entry.

5. At the port of entry, the consignment shall be inspected by a Plant Quarantine Officer and /or a representative from the Seed Certification Service of Department of Agriculture. If deemed necessary by the Plant Quarantine Officer, the consignment shall be subjected to treatment or other suitable disposal.

6. Entry into Sri Lanka may be denied for consignment of seeds:

- i. Which do not conform to labelling requirements (re 3 above),
- ii. Which have been imported without required certificates or,
- iii. Which, in the opinion of the Plant Quarantine Officer, carry a dangerous pest, disease or weed.