

Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re : Specification of plants and carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 5) B.E. 2550

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By virtue of Article 6 of the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507, revised by the Plant Quarantine Act (No. 2) B.E. 2542, the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, through the recommendation of the Plant Quarantine Committee, hereby issue the following notification.

**Item 1.** The following Ministerial Notifications shall be repealed:

1.1 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture (No. 6) Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act, B.E. 2507 dated 19 November B.E. 2507;

1.2 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture (No. 11) Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 dated 26 April B.E. 2514;

1.3 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (No. 14) Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers as prohibited articles under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 dated 15 December B.E. 2521;

1.4 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 1) B.E. 2533 dated 11 December B.E. 2533;

1.5 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 3) B.E. 2538 dated 4 December 2538;

1.6 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 4) B.E. 2539 dated 14 August 2539;

1.7 Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re: Specification of plants, plant pests or carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 5) B.E. 2539 dated 11 October 2539.

**Item 2**. In this notification:

2.1 "Preserve food" means food derived from any plant part in a state still considered as a plant and had passed the process that could destroy plant pests and diseases;

2.2 "Organic fertilizer" means fertilizer derived from or made of organic materials which are produced through methodologies such as moistening, chopping, fermenting, grinding, filtering, extracting or other methods but not chemical fertilizer and bio-fertilizer.

Item 3. Plants and carriers from any source listed with this notification are considered as prohibited articles.

Item 4. Exceptions or conditions:

- 4.1 Preserve food;
- 4.2 Organic fertilizers from carcasses, bones and bloods of animals;

4.3 Fresh fruits of plants that are prohibited articles as mentioned in Item 3 which are frozen under temperature lower than  $-17.8 \degree C$  (O  $\degree F$ ) by stating the specified frozen temperature at the time of export on the Phytosanitary Certificate and has to be re-confirmed by the officer while it passes the process of import plant quarantine clearance;

4.4 Prohibited articles as per Item 3 that had passed the process of pest risk analysis in accordance with the criteria, methods and conditions set by the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture, whereby such prohibition has already been withdrawn from the list as proclaimed in the Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, however, has to comply with the criteria, methods and conditions set by the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture;

4.5 Plants or carriers that are complied with conditions specified by the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture before import;

4.5.1 Organic fertilizers from plants or bat manures;

4.5.2 Soil used for industrial purposes.

## **Transitory provisions**

1. The prohibited articles attached to this notification that has been imported into the Kingdom in the form of trade prior to the enforcement of this notification are subjected to exemption and allowed to be imported until such time that the pest risk analysis for the prohibited articles concerned has been completed. In this regard, the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country has to make an importation request in writing with the evident document of previous importation within a period of the last 5 years to the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture within the period of 60 days from the day after this notification has entered into force. NPPO of exporting countries must submit technical information of prohibited articles concerned for the pest risk analysis within 120 days after the end of application period for import exemption.

Once the specified period mentioned in paragraph 1 has passed, however, if necessary, the Director-General of the Department of Agriculture who has the power to grant permission shall require the exporting country to request for import permission on a case to case basis, however, has to be undertaken for a period within 60 days.

2. This notification does not include plants that their importation have been granted on trade obligations by government sectors before this notification enter into force, except that there is reliable scientific information about the outbreak of new plant pests or the detection of new plant pests in the imported commodities, that are threat to the country's agriculture.

This notification shall enter into force 60 days after the date of its proclamation in the Royal Gazette, and shall remain valid henceforth.

Given on 26 April B.E. 2550

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(Professor Thira Sutabutra) Minister Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives List of plants and carriers attached to the Notification of Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives Re : Specification of plants and carriers from certain sources as prohibited articles, of exceptions and conditions under the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (No. 5) B.E. 2550

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1. Fresh fruits of the following plants;

Aegle marmelos (L.) Corr. (bael fruit) Anacardium occidentale L. (cashew nut) Areca catechu L. (betelnut palm) Averrhoa carambola L. (carambola) Casimiroa edulis Llave & Lex. (casimiroa) Chrysobalanus icaco L. (icaco pulm) Clausena lansium (Lour.) Skeels (wampi) Cydonia oblonga Miller (quince) Dimocarpus longan Loureiro (longan) Dovyalis caffra (Hook. f. & Harvey) Hook. f. (kei apple) Eriobotrya japonica (Thunb.) Lindl. (loquat) Feijoa sellowiana (O. Berg) O. Berg (Feijoa fruit) Inga edulis C. Martius (ice-cream bean) Litchi chinensis Sonn. (lychee) Malpighia glabra L. (acerola) *Mammea americana* L. (mamey apple) *Mangifera indica* L. (mango) *Myrtillocactus geometrizans* (Martius) Console (red pitaya) *Nephelium lappaceum* L. (rambutan) Olea europaea L. (olive) Persea americana Mill. (avocado) *Phoenix dactylifera* L. (date palm) Phyllanthus acidus (L.) Skeels (star gooseberry) *Physalis peruviana* L. (cape gooseberry) Punica granatum L. (pomegranate) Sargentia greggii Wats.

Selenicereus megalanthus (K. Schum. ex Vaupel) Moran (yellow pitaya)

2. Fresh fruits of the following plants in genus;

Actinidia spp. Annona spp. Artocarpus spp. Chrysophyllum spp. Diospyros spp. *Eugenia* spp. Ficus spp. Flacourtia spp. Fragaria spp. Garcinia spp. Juglans spp. Malus spp. Manilkara spp. Morus spp. Passiflora spp. Pouteria spp. Prunus spp. Psidium spp. Pyrus spp. Rollinia spp. Rubus spp. Spondias spp. Syzygium spp. Vitis spp. Ziziphus spp.

3. Fresh fruits of the following plants in family;

Cactaceae e.g.

Acanthocereus spp.

Cereus spp. Echinocereus spp. Escontria spp. Hylocereus spp. Stenocereus spp. Cucurbitaceae

4. Any part of the following plants;

Ananas comosus (L.) Merr. (pineapple)
Camellia sinensis (L.) Kuntze (tea) (excluding dried tea leave)
Carica papaya L. (papaya)
Cocos nucifera L. (coconut)
Elaeis guineensis Jacq. (oil palm)
Manihot esculenta Crantz (cassava)
Theobroma cacao L. (cocoa)
Zea mays L. (corn) (excluding pop corn imported for consumption)

5. Any part of the following plants in genus;

*Citrus* spp. *Coffea* spp. (excluding fresh coffee bean) *Fortunella* spp. *Gossypium* spp. (excluding cotton lint) *Hevea* spp. and carriers i.e. fresh latex, cup lump, slab and scrap *Jatropha* spp. *Musa* spp. *Oryza* spp. and carriers i.e. rice bran (excluding white rice, broken rice and parboil rice) *Poncirus* spp. *Saccharum* spp. *Sorghum* spp.

6. Any part of the following plants in family;

Solanaceae (excluding cigarette, tobacco and cigar)

- 7. Soil
- 8. Organic fertilizer
- 9. Agricultural micro-organisms, animal pests of plant, earthworms, insects, mites, nematodes, snails, slugs, weeds, parasites and predators.

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<sup>•</sup> This is an unofficial English translation. In case of any different in meaning between the Thai text and the English translation, the Thai text shall be applied.