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## **1. General Information**

### **1.1 For enquiries about this document email the Plant Exports team:**

[plantexports@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:plantexports@mpi.govt.nz)

Please state the nature of your enquiry in the subject line e.g. Kenya query or pest interception or password re-set.

For urgent enquiries please phone + 64 4 894 5693

### **1.2 Scope**

The requirements listed in this Importing Country's Phytosanitary Requirement (ICPR) document apply to product of New Zealand only, unless specifically stated.

This standard specifies Kenya's phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities and commodity classes only.

If a commodity or 'commodity grouping' is not listed under Section 3 "Commodity Class Requirements" or Section 4 "Commodity Specific Requirements" exporters should contact

Kenya directly to ascertain requirements refer Section 2.2.4

Or

Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) – Plant Exports

Users of this document are strongly advised to review all sections of the ICPR for the determination of a commodity's phytosanitary requirements.

### **1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation**

The following legislation regulates the importation of plants and plant materials into Kenya: *ref KHP/8/04/96*

- The Plant Protection Act (Cap 324) of the Agriculture Law's
- The Suppression of Noxious Weeds Act (Cap 325)
- The cultural Produce (Export) Act (Cap 319)

### **1.4 Fees and Charges**

Please note that the determination and provision of phytosanitary requirements for a commodity not listed within the ICPR may be undertaken on a cost recovered basis. A link to the list of Plant Exports Fees and Charges is available on <http://mpi.govt.nz/exporting/food/fruit-and-vegetables/fees-and-charges/>

## 2 General Requirements

### 2.1 Prohibitions

The following commodities are prohibited entry to Kenya unless a valid import permit has been issued by Kenya's Plant Health Inspectorate (KEPHIS) and phytosanitary conditions identified upon the permit have been met. *ref KHP/8/04/96 & Permit No 1645/2001*

**Table 1 List of commodities prohibited entry to Kenya**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Actinidia deliciosa</i>	Kiwifruit	Fresh Fruit
<i>Allium cepa</i>	Onion	Fresh Vegetables
<i>Allium ampeloprasum</i>	Leek	Fresh Vegetables
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	Capsicum	Fresh Vegetables
<i>Diospyros</i> spp.	Persimmon	Fresh Fruit
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Kumara	Fresh Vegetables
<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i>	Tomato	Fresh Fruit
<i>Persea americana</i>	Avocado	Fresh Fruit
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Potato	Fresh Vegetables
<i>Triticum</i> spp.	Wheat	When used as a packing material
<i>Musa</i> spp.	Banana leaves	When used as a packing material
<i>Zea mays</i>	Maize	When used as a packing material
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	Rice sorghum	When used as a packing material
	Leaf mould	When used as a packing material
	Soil	All
All species	Fresh & Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage	Fresh & Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage

### 2.2 Phytosanitary Import Permits

#### 2.2.1 Phytosanitary import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

Phytosanitary import permits are required for importation of the following Commodity Classes from New Zealand:

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- Fresh and Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage (Refer Section 3.2.1 & 3.2.2)
- Nursery Stock

- Seeds (grain) and Nuts for Sowing
- Growing media and packing material

2.2.2 Phytosanitary import permits are not required for:

- Dried and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables
- Seeds (grain) / Nuts for Consumption and Processing

2.2.3 Phytosanitary import permits and general conditions of import may be requested from:

The Managing Director  
Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS)  
PO Box 49592  
Nairobi  
KENYA

Telephone: 254 02 440087 / 441804  
Facsimile: 254 02 448940

Email: [kephis@nbnet.co.ke](mailto:kephis@nbnet.co.ke)  
Website: <http://www.kephis.org>

*ref KHP/8/04/96*

## 2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

2.3.1 Phytosanitary certificates must accompany consignments of:

- Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
- Fresh and Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage (Refer Section 3.2.1 & 3.2.2)
- Nursery Stock
- Seeds (grain) and Nuts (for sowing, consumption and processing)
- Growing Media
- Packing Material

2.3.2 Phytosanitary certificates are not required for:

- Dried Fruit and Vegetables
- Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

2.3.3 Re Export:

- Where applicable, consignments which are re-exported must be accompanied by the original phytosanitary certificate issued from the country of origin.

## 2.4 Quarantine Pests

A list of quarantine pests has not been provided by KEPHIS. Refer Section 2.5

## **2.5 Ports of Entry**

The entry of consignments is not restricted to specific ports

## **2.6 Inspection on Arrival**

All consignments from New Zealand will be subjected to phytosanitary inspection upon arrival

## **2.7 Sampling Rate**

A random sample of 2-10% of the total consignment will be inspected by KEPHIS

## **2.8 Transit**

No additional measures need to be undertaken for consignments, which transit a third country en-route to Kenya

# **3 Commodity Class Requirements**

## **3.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

### **3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free from fruit flies, other pests and diseases. Refer to Section 4.1 for Commodity Specific Requirements

### **3.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables**

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate not required.

### **3.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables**

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate not required.

## **3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

### **3.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage**

#### Conditions:

Fresh cut flowers and foliage are **prohibited** from entry into Kenya unless accompanied by a valid phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate.

### **3.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage**

#### Conditions:

Dried cut flowers and foliage are **prohibited** from entry into Kenya unless accompanied by a valid phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate.



### **3.3 Nursery Stock**

#### **3.3.1 Bud wood and Cuttings**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free from pests and diseases.

#### **3.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free from pests and diseases. Post entry quarantine may be required. Refer Section 4.3.2 for Commodity Specific Requirements.

#### **3.3.3 Whole Plants**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free from pests and diseases.

#### **3.3.4 Tissue Culture**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Must be free from pests and diseases.

### **3.4 Seeds, Grains and Nuts**

#### **3.4.1 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Sowing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and treatment required. Must be free from seed borne disease pathogens. Refer Section 4.4.1 for Commodity Specific Requirements

Treatment

Fumigation of seed required. Treatment is to be endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate.

#### **3.4.2 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Consumption**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and treatment required. Must be free from seed borne disease pathogens.

Treatment

Fumigation of seed required. Treatment is to be endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate.

#### **3.4.3 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Processing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate and treatment required. Must be free from seed borne disease pathogens.

Treatment

Fumigation of seed required. Treatment is to be endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate.

### 3.5 Growing Media

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Treatment prior to export may be required. Refer to Section 4.5 for Commodity Specific Requirements.

### 3.6 Packing Material

#### Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Treatment of organic packing material (excluding timber) required. *Ref permit 1645/2001*

#### Treatment

Material must be heated for 10 minutes at 83°C or chemically treated to ensure all seeds, pathogens, and insects have been killed. Treatment is to be endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate.

The use of the following items as packing material is prohibited:

- Banana leaves
- Maize
- Rice sorghum
- Wheat straw
- Soil or leaf mould

## 4 Commodity Specific Requirements

### 4.1 Fruit and Vegetables

#### 4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

##### *Actinidia deliciosa*

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

##### Kiwifruit

##### *Allium cepa*

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

##### Onion

##### *Allium ampeloprasum*

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

##### Leek

##### *Capsicum annuum*

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

##### Capsicum

##### *Citrus* spp.

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

##### Citrus

#### Additional Declaration:

"The consignment is free of *Xanthomonas citri* and fruit fly"

Cucurbita spp.

Squash/pumpkin/zucchini

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required.

Additional Declaration:

"The consignment is free of mosaic virus"

Diospyros spp.

Persimmon

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

Ipomoea batatas

Kumara

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

Lycopersicon esculentum

Tomato

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

Persea americana

Avocado

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

Solanum tuberosum

Potato

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

#### **4.1.2 Dried Fruit and Vegetables**

Refer Section 3.1.2

#### **4.1.3 Frozen Fruit and Vegetables**

Refer Section 3.1.3

### **4.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

#### **4.2.1 Fresh Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

#### **4.2.2 Dried Cut Flowers and Foliage**

Prohibited. Refer Section 2.1

### **4.3 Nursery Stock**

#### **4.3.1 Budwood and Cuttings**

Refer Section 3.3.1

#### **4.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes**

Lilium spp.

Lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required.

Narcissus spp.

Daffodil

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required.

Sandersonia spp.

Sandersonia

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required.

Solanum tuberosum

Potato

Prohibited

Tulipa spp.

Tulip

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required.

Zantedeschia spp.

Calla lily

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required.

#### **4.3.3 Whole Plants**

Refer Section 3.3.3

#### **4.3.4 Tissue Culture**

Refer Section 3.3.4

#### **4.4 Seeds and Grains**

**Note: All seeds require to be treated prior to export. Treatment details must be endorsed upon the phytosanitary certificate. Refer to Commodity Class Requirements Section 3.4**

##### **4.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing**

Capsicum annuum

Capsicum

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

**Note:** Mandatory testing requirement for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (TBRFV).

Cicer arietinum

Chickpea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Post entry quarantine required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Cichorium intybus

Chicory

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from tomato spotted wilt virus"

Hedysarum coronarium

Sulla

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from tomato spotted wilt virus"

Lotus spp.

Lotus

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from tomato spotted wilt virus"

Pisum spp.

Pea

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from *Pseudomonas pisi* and viral diseases"

Plantago lanceolata

Plantain

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from tomato spotted wilt virus"

Solanum lycopersicum

Tomato

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit and phytosanitary certificate required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

**Note:** Mandatory testing required for Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (TBRFV).

Triticum spp.

Wheat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and additional declaration required. Treatment required, refer Section 3.4.1.

Additional Declaration:

"Free from *Urocystis tritici*"

#### **4.4.2 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Consumption**

Refer Section 3.4.2

#### **4.4.3 Seeds, Grains and Nuts for Processing**

Refer Section 3.4.3

#### **4.5 Growing Media**

Peat

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate and treatment required. Treatment type has not been specified by Kenya.

#### **4.6 Packing Material**

Refer Section 3.6

#### **4.7 Miscellaneous**

Biocontrol Agents

Conditions:

All importation of biocontrol agents must be approved by the Kenya Standing Technical Committee on Imports and Exports (KSTCIE). The KSTCIE determines the conditions under which such importations can be made.

Genetically Modified Plants and Plant Products

Conditions:

Importation of genetically modified plants or plant products requires authorisation by the National Biosafety Committee before an import permit is issued. The conditions for the import are stipulated by the National Biosafety Committee.

#### Appendix 1. Quarantine Pests (as Notified by Kenya)

PEST TYPE	ORDER NAME	FAMILY NAME	GENUS NAME	SPECIES NAME
<b>Viral diseases</b>	Unassigned	Virgaviridae	<i>Tobamovirus</i>	Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (TBRFV)