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# 1 General Information

Users of this document are strongly advised to read all sections to understand the phytosanitary requirements for a commodity.

## 1.1 For enquires about this standard 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. United Arab Emirates (UAE) query or pest interception or password re-set.

For urgent enquiries please phone + 64 4 894 5693

## 1.2 Scope

This **Importing Country Phytosanitary Requirement (ICPR)** specifies United Arab Emirates phytosanitary requirements for the stated commodities only. If a commodity or commodity grouping is not identified within this ICPR exporters should **direct enquiries to:**

- United Arab Emirates (UAE) directly in order to ascertain requirements.

or

- Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)-Plant Exports

## 1.3 Phytosanitary Legislation

The following legislation controls the importation of plants and plant materials into United Arab Emirates:

- Federal Law No.5 on Agricultural Quarantine (1979) and Amendment No.6 (1992), and form the basis of this export phytosanitary standard.

## 1.4 Definitions

The United Arab Emirates Federal Law No.5 (1979) in connection with Agricultural Quarantine Services defines the following terms as:-

Agricultural consignment shall mean any plant or part thereof, or plant products entering the country in accordance with the provisions of this law.

Competent Authority	shall mean the department responsible for agricultural quarantine services.
Infection	shall mean the presence of signs of insects, or pest infection or any other disease in plants or agricultural products either internally or externally.
Minister	shall mean the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
Owner	shall be any firm, trading house, university, public administration, private corporation, diplomatic corps or any other body dealing in any agricultural produce by way of importation.
Plant	shall mean any kind of agricultural items or part thereof, in whatsoever form or part thereof, in whatsoever form or condition: e.g., branches, bulbs, corms, flowers, fruits, leaves, rhizomes, roots, seeds, seedlings, sprouts, stems, straw, and tubers.
Plant products	shall mean any items of plant products whose original condition or form is unchanged by any process.
Quarantine station	shall be the location where all agricultural consignments are examined and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the law.
Weeds	shall mean any kind of seeds of plants, or any harmful weeds, or parts thereof, whether alive or dead.

## 1.5 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

Table 1. Prohibited commodities into UAE

Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Part Prohibited
<i>Palmae</i> spp.	Palm	All. Prohibited from countries where palm red weevil or bayoud disease have been recorded.
	Soil, earth, sand, clay and peat	All

### 2.2 Import Permits

2.2.1 Import permits state the phytosanitary requirements for importation

2.2.2 Import permits are required for:

- Import permits are required for some plants and plant products as specified below in commodity class requirements. Import permits may specify phytosanitary requirements such as additional declarations or treatments.

2.2.3 Import permits are not required for:

Not specified

2.2.4 Import permits and conditions of import may be requested from:

Not specified

### 2.3 Phytosanitary Certificates

Phytosanitary certificates are required for all plants and plant products. UAE is accepting New Zealand electronically signed phytosanitary certificates effective 1 September 2016.

### 2.4 Quarantine Pests

The following pathogens and pests are prohibited from entering the UAE. There is a nil tolerance for these organisms. For a list of quarantine pests see Appendix 1.

The scientific name and classification used is checked for accuracy against the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) Global database (<https://gd.eppo.int/>). Please note that scientific names remains the definitive name. In addition, MPI will also include synonyms specified by the importing country for use on additional declarations.

Quarantine pests for UAE include organisms specified in Appendix 1 of this ICPR, additional declarations and/or import permit.

## 2.5 Inspection on Arrival

All consignments of plants and plant products may be subject to inspection on arrival.

## 2.5 Sampling Rate

Not specified

## 2.6 Ports of Entry

Not specified

## 2.7 Transit Requirements

All plants and plant produce in transit must meet the requirements of the United Arab Emirates and must be free of quarantine pests.

## 2.8 Wood packaging

Refer to forestry ICPR for UAE, link below:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/importing-countries-phytosanitary-requirements/forestry-icprs/united-arab-emirates/>

# 3 Commodity Class Requirements

## 3.1 Fruit and Vegetables

### 3.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

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

Conditions:

Not specified

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

Conditions:

Not specified

## **3.2 Cut Flowers and Foliage**

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

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

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

Conditions:

Not specified

## **3.3 Nursery Stock**

### **3.3.1 Whole Plants**

Conditions: (*Plants and parts of plants for propagation other than seeds*)

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.  
Must be free of soil

### **3.3.2 Bulbs/tubers/corms/rhizomes (for propagation)**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.1

### **3.3.3 Bud wood and Cuttings**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3.1

## **3.4 Seeds and Grain**

### **3.4.1 Seed and Grain for Sowing**

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.  
Germination and Purity certificate required.

### **3.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption**

Conditions: (*Cereals, legumes and forages*)

Phytosanitary import permit not required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

### **3.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing**

Conditions:

Not specified

### **3.5 Growing Media**

Conditions:

Not specified

### **3.6 Packing Material**

Conditions:

Not specified

### **3.7 Miscellaneous Items**

Conditions:

Organic fertiliser

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

Soil conditioner

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.

## **4 Commodity Specific Requirements**

### **4.1 Fruit and Vegetables**

#### **4.1.1 Fresh Fruit and Vegetables**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.1

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.2

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.1.3

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

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.1

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.2.2

#### **4.3 Nursery Stock**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.3

*Palmae* (including palm tree offshoots, coconut palms and ornamental palms)

Conditions:

Phytosanitary import permit required. Phytosanitary certificate required.  
Prohibited from countries where palm red weevil or bayoud disease have been recorded.

#### **4.4 Seed and Grains**

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

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.1

##### **4.4.2 Seed and Grain for Consumption**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.2

##### **4.4.3 Seed and Grain for Processing**

Conditions:

Refer Section 3.4.3

## Appendix 1. Quarantine Pests as Notified by UAE

PEST TYPE	ORDER NAME	FAMILY NAME	SPECIES AND GENUS NAME	COMMON NAME
Insect	Coleoptera (beetles and weevils)	Chrysomelidae	<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i>	Colorado beetle
		Curculionidae	<i>Cryptorhynchus mangifera</i> syn. <i>Sternochetus mangiferae</i>	Mango fruit weevil
		Scarabaeidae	<i>Popillia japonica</i>	Japanese beetle
	Diptera (flies)	Cecidomyiidae	<i>Phytophaga destructor</i> syn. <i>Mayetiola destructor</i>	Hessian fly
	Hemiptera (aphids and scale)	Diaspididae	<i>Quadraspidiotus perniciosus</i>	San Jose scale
		Phylloxeridae	<i>Phylloxera vitifolia</i> syn. <i>Viteus vitifoliae</i>	Grapevine aphid
	Hymenoptera	Formicidae	<i>Iridomyrmex humilis</i> syn. <i>Linepithema humile</i>	Argentinean ant
	Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths)	Gelechiidae	<i>Pectinophora gossypiella</i>	Pink bollworm
Nematode (roundworms)	Tylenchida	Heteroderidae	<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>	Golden nematode
Fungal disease	Chytridiales	Synchytriaceae	<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i>	Potato wart disease

Source: Preferred name and classification used is checked for accuracy against the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO) Global database (<https://gd.eppo.int/>), 27 July 2016