

Plant Quarantine Procedures of Korea



Items subject to plant quarantine: All Plants and Plant Products

- Grains, Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Medicinal Herbs, etc.
- Woods and wood products (Logs, Lumber, etc)
- Seeds, Nursery stocks & Bulbs
- Dyes, Personal preferences, Spices and Oil cakes, etc.

* Each consignment of items subject to plant quarantine, with few exemptions, should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country.

Items NOT subject to plant quarantine

Any products processed to the extent that pest risk is negligible.

Example

- Products preserved in alcohol, acetic acid, salt, sugar or oil
- Products treated with preservative, dye or bleach
- Finished wood products
- Pest-proof packaged products after being roasted, baked, steamed or boiled



Depending on the status

Status	Subject to Plant Quarantine	NOT-subject to Plant Quarantine
Cuttings (Fruits & Vegetables)	Just cut	Cut & boiled or blanched at over 90°C for 5min. and then frozen at 17.8°C under zero
Hot-air dried or Freeze-drying (Fruits & Vegetables)	Bulk packing	Seal packing
Dried teas (leaf) or spices	Bulk packing	Packaged for retail or canned
Processed to powder or starch	Bulk packing	Seal packing
Hats, mats, baskets or bags, etc. made of stems or leaves of plants	NOT-treated	Hot-air dried and then softening treated



Prohibited plants and plant products

- Most of fresh fruits, including vegetable fruits, such as orange, mango, dragon fruits, melon, cucumber, pear and apple, etc., except coconut palm, pineapple & immature banana.
- Green beans of Fabaceae
- Unhulled rice, chaff and rice straw, and their processed products
- Any plants or plant products contaminated with soil

For more information on prohibited plants or plant products, please visit:
http://www.qia.go.kr/english/html/Plant/Plant_004.jsp
 "Import Plant Quarantine" → "Rules to follow" → "The Original Text DOWNLOAD"

- ▶ Among the prohibited fresh fruits produced in ASEAN Countries, the following fruits are conditionally allowed.

Countries	Fresh fruits	Major Import Requirements
All countries	Coconut palm, Pineapple & Immature banana	Accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)
Thailand	Durian	Accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)
	Mango	Vapor Heat Treatment (VHT) (Separate Requirements)
	Mangosteen	MB fumigation (Separate Requirements)
Indonesia	Blueberry	Accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)
Philippines	Mango & Papaya	VHT (Separate Requirements)
Malaysia	Durian	Registration of Grower & Packinghouses (Separate Requirements)
Vietnam	Dragon fruit & Mango	VHT (Separate Requirements)

- ▶ The prohibited plants and plant products are subject to Import Risk Analysis (IRA*) before importation by NPPO of Korea.

* Summary of IRA Procedures

Official request by NPPO of exporting country → Conduct Pest Risk Assessment by NPPO of importing country
 → Choose pest risk management options → Conditionally allow importation

- ▶ The prohibited plants and plant products are also NOT allowed to be brought into Korea by international passenger baggage.

Exemptions from prohibited products

- Dried fruits and vegetables
 - Should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate
- Frozen plants and plant products including frozen fruits and vegetables
 - Should be frozen at 17.8°C under zero or below
 - The temperature should be maintained until arrival in Korea
 - Should be accompanied by a valid certificate such as a Phytosanitary Certificate or Export Certificate

Be careful

Among the frozen fruits or vegetables, the followings are still prohibited;

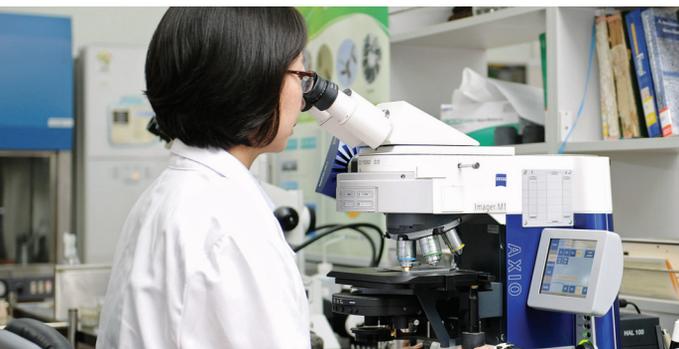
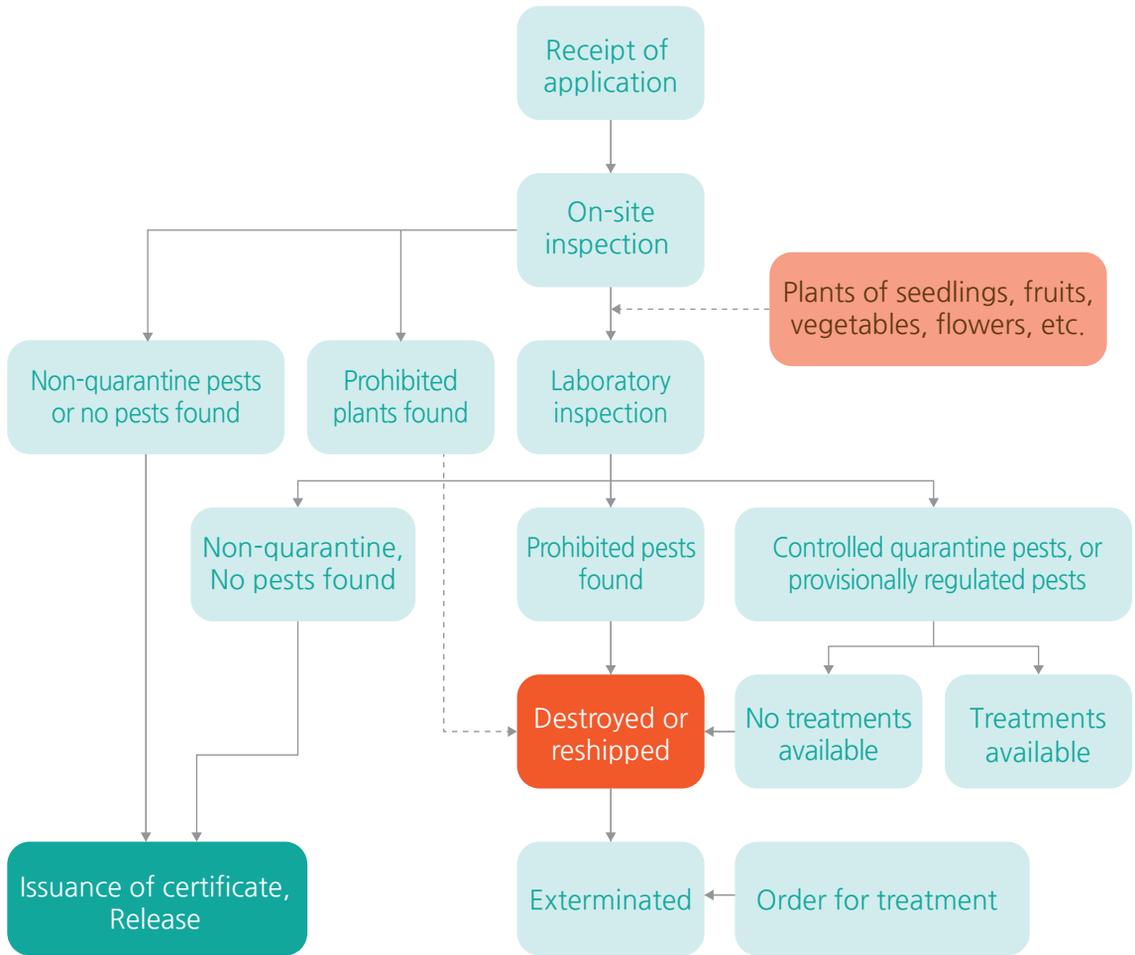
- Kernel of walnut
- Vines, stems, leaves and under ground parts of Solanaceae (pepper, potato and tobacco, etc.) and Ipomoea spp. (sweet potato, etc.)
- Fruits of Solanaceae (pepper, tomato, eggplant, etc.)
- Fruits of Pomoideae (apple, pear and quince, etc.)

Basic import requirements for each consignment of plants and plant products

- Should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the NPPO of the exporting country.
- Should be free of soil, any live pests or organisms regulated by Korea.



General import inspection procedures





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Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency is a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Korea established in April 1978 to protect the eco-system and agricultural resources by preventing the introduction of foreign pests and diseases through inspection of plants and plant products.



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