Pakistan

Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:
Pakistan requires a variety of export certifications for imported food and agricultural products. This report lists certificates required by Pakistani government agencies for U.S. products exported to Pakistan.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix):
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SECTION I: LIST OF REQUIRED EXPORT CERTIFICATES

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<th>Attestation required on Certificate</th>
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<td>Plants and Plant Products</td>
<td>Phytosanitary Health Certificate</td>
<td>Both special conditions and additional declarations per the specific conditions mentioned in the import permit.</td>
<td>To prevent the introduction of exotic pests, diseases, and items hazardous for human consumption.</td>
<td>Ministry of National Food Security and Research (MNFS&amp;R)</td>
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<td>Animals and Animal Products</td>
<td>Sanitary Health Certificate</td>
<td>Additional declarations per the specific conditions mentioned in the import permit.</td>
<td>To prevent the introduction of exotic pests and diseases, and minimize human health risks due to microbial or chemical contamination.</td>
<td>MNFS&amp;R</td>
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For conditions imposed on specific plant products, please refer to the MinAg’s Department of Plant Protection’s Pakistan Plant Quarantine Act 1976 and Plant Quarantine Rules 1967 (Regulation of imports into Pakistan), [https://www.fsvps.ru/fsvps-docs/ru/importExport/pakistan/files/regulationsOnPlantQuarantineEn.pdf](https://www.fsvps.ru/fsvps-docs/ru/importExport/pakistan/files/regulationsOnPlantQuarantineEn.pdf)

Plant Quarantine Division of the Department of Plant Protection (DPP) is responsible for all plant and plant material quarantine operations and has the legal authority and management responsibility. The DPP head office is located in Karachi and the quarantine stations are located at the sea ports, airports, dry ports and, land border points for the convenience of traders. The Government of Pakistan is considering establishment of the National Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (NAPHIS) to harmonize and regulate all quarantine/SPS issues.

Import Procedure for plant material and food products include:

Documentary Check:
The papers such as import permit, certificate of origin, phytosanitary certificate, treatment certificate, bill of lading, invoice, letter of credit, anchorage permit and the other documents are checked for genuineness and proper entries.

**Identity Check:**
The material is checked for identity. It is seen that it is the same as stated in invoice, import permit, phytosanitary certificate, bill of lading and the other accompanying documents.

**Phytosanitary Check:**
Freedom from quarantine pests and application of suitable treatment if necessary is ascertained. The assessment of compliance by the local exporter is also made.

**Inspection:**
It is carried out in godowns, warehouses, dry ports, and entry and exit points. Shipholds, containers, baggages, and packets in mail are also inspected. The plant and plant products in imports, export or transit are inspected.

**Inspection based actions:**
For the import consignments a release order is issued if the material is free of quarantine pests and or suitably treated. The import consignments refused entry may be sent back or destroyed. Some material may be released after segregation.

**Custom clearance:**
This follows inspection and issuance of a release order or phytosanitary certificate (PC) from the plant quarantine service.

**Pest surveillance and risk analysis:**
A small unit for pest surveillance and risk analysis has been set up in the quarantine service at Karachi. The guidelines as contained in ISPM No.2 and 6 of the FAO are followed.

**Seeds:**
For seeds, the procedure depends on whether the import is of an approved variety or a new variety. Seeds of approved varieties are subjected to seed purity and germination tests. For new varieties, additional requirements, including 2 years of adaptability trials, are needed before approval can be granted for bulk import.

- The electronic copy of each export certificate for plant material and food products is attached in Appendix I.

- Pakistan’s Phytosanitary requirements for specific products are outlined in Appendix III.

For conditions imposed on specific animal products, please refer to the MinAg’s Animal Quarantine Department’s Animal Quarantine Act 1979 and Animal Quarantine Rules 1980 (Regulation of imports
The Animal Quarantine Department is working under the Ministry of National Food Security and Research. The statutory authority and related regulations governing the transportation of animals and animal products for import and export and regulation designed to prevent the introduction and dissemination of exotic diseases and issuance of health certificates are the responsibilities of the federal government under the constitution. The Animal Quarantine Department is the executive veterinary authority of the federal government with primary responsibility to regulate the import, export and quarantine of animals and animal products in order to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic diseases.

**Import procedures for livestock products include the following:**

**Live Animals and Livestock Products:**
Government of Pakistan has recently allowed the import of live cattle from United States after the health certificate was harmonized between the two countries. It may be mentioned here that the import of live cattle to Pakistan remain suspended for a long time period due to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) issue.

**Beef:**
The health protocol between Pakistan and United States has not been harmonized yet.

- The electronic copy of each export certificate for animal and animal products is attached in Appendix II.

**Special certificates:**
All plants and plant products, except fruit and vegetables, require a phytosanitary certificate issued by the approved authority in the country of origin.

Livestock must be accompanied by a sanitary certificate issued by the approved authority in the country of origin.

For animal products and products containing animal ingredients, the exporter also must certify that the product is "Halal."

Exporters should verify with their importers that all required certificates for customs and quarantine clearance have been obtained prior to shipment.

A special certificate of alcoholic strength may be required for imports of spirituous beverages.

A supplier's certificate or quality and price are required for certain items.

**Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s):**
Imports of plants and plant products must receive an import permit issued by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research, as per the conditions of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Imports into Pakistan) Act 1976, as stated. An importer must apply for an import permit and submit it to the exporter, who in turn acquires the required phytosanitary certificate from the relevant exporting country authority. The relevant authority in the country of export issues the phytosanitary certificate based on
the specific conditions stated in the import permit. An importer must apply for an import permit and submit it to the exporter, who in turn acquires the required phytosanitary certificate from the relevant exporting country authority. The relevant authority in the country of export issues the phytosanitary certificate based on the specific conditions stated in the import permit. (livestock, semen, embryos) Customs and Plant Protection and Quarantine officials inspect imported products to ensure they conform to labeling and other import requirements. Imports of live animals or plants require necessary certification from the country of origin. After Customs and PPQ issue their respective clearance reports, the goods are released on payment of import duty.

English is the official language. All agencies will accept documents in English and will respond in English. Thus, there is no need to translate documents to Urdu or other local languages to expedite procedures. Goods generally can be cleared through Customs in less than a week, if all papers are in order. The system allows for appeal (at multiple levels) in case of a dispute.

Pakistani regulations require importers to acquire a compulsory letter of credit or register the contract with a bank in order to import goods into Pakistan. Pakistan uses the Harmonized System to classify and describe goods. Customs duties are levied on an ad valorem basis.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s):
The attestations for both of the above mentioned export certificates must meet all the specific conditions, which vary from commodity to commodity, and can also change over time.

Section IV. Government Certificate’s Legal Entry Requirements:
Original export certificates must accompany each individual export consignment at the time of entry into Pakistan. The government of Pakistan (GOP) does not accept export self-declarations by suppliers or manufacturers as proof of compliance. However, in certain cases, the GOP may allow export certificates containing additional declarations on the import permit by organizations accredited by the government of the exporting country.

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements:
A certificate of origin issued by the relevant authority of the exporting country’s government, provincial government, industry association, or manufacturer/supplier should accompany the export consignment of all food and agricultural products, including processed and packaged food. This certificate should mention the order number, container number, port of discharge, buyer’s name, and product description, in addition to a declaration along the following lines:

The undersigned for (relevant organization) declares that the following mentioned goods as consigned above (or below) are products from the United States (or any country of origin). We hereby certify the goods to be of U.S. (or any country) origin.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate
FORM I
(Special Import Permit)

Permission is hereby granted to...

To: ____________________________

Copies to:
1. The Collector of Customs, Customs House,
2. The Chief Inspector of Customs,
3. The Assistant Entomologist (Quarantine),

DIRECTOR/ENTOMOLOGIST (QUARANTINE).

FORM I
(Special Import Permit)

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Deceptive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (as adapted for Pakistan), permission is hereby granted to:

Name & Address: ____________________________

to import ____________________________

The consignment is free from soil and accompanies with a valid Plant Quarantine Certificate, issued by a competent authority of the country of origin declaring it to be free from any pests or diseases or rendered safe by effective treatment.

Quarantine examination and treatment at the port of entry after arrival or any other place designated for the purpose authorized by the Director of Plant Protection or any Officer so authorized by the Director, may only after issuance of release order from the competent Plant Quarantine Authority.

Payment of such examination and treatment charges and as may be levied under rules.

Subject to:
1. The consignment is free from soil...
2. Additional conditions on (reverse).

Imports made otherwise than in accordance with the conditions listed above shall be liable to confiscation and destruction.

This permit is valid till ____________________________

DIRECTOR/QUARANTINE ENTOMOLOGIST

To:
1. The Permittee ____________________________
2. The Asst. Collector Customs ____________________________
3. The Asst. Quarantine Entomologist ____________________________
RELEASE ORDER (General)

Plants and plant products specified below were examined by a duly authorised officer of this Department and were found apparently free from injurious insects and diseases. The consignment may now be released to the consignee:

QUALIFYING REMARKS ..............................................................

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ....................................................

Your Reference: .................................................................

Dated:

Director

To, ..................................................................................

Copy to: ..........................................................................
FORM III
[ See rules 28 (3) (b) ]
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES
Department of Plant Protection

Phone : 480111-5 lines, 226417
No. Jinnah Avenue, Malir Halt, Karachi-27, the
Wire: “LOCUSWAR”

RELEASE ORDER

This is to certify that a consignment of _______ bales of American cotton imported through _______ was examined and fumigated by a duly authorized Officer of this Department. This is now apparently free from exotic insects and pests. The Consignment, is therefore, released.

QUALIFYING REMARKS:

Fumigation complete on _______.

DIRECTOR / ENTOMOLOGIST (QUARANTINE).

To:
M/s __________________________

Copies to:
(1) The Collector of Customs, House, Karachi.
(2) The Traffic Manager, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
(3) The Assistant Entomologist (Quarantine), Karachi, Seaport.

FORM IV
[ See rules 28 (3) (d) ]
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES
(Plant Quarantine Division)

Wire: “LOCUSWAR”
No. Jinnah Avenue, Malir Halt,
Karachi-27, the

Phone : 480111-5 lines, 226417
Your Reference:

Dated:

ANCHORAGE PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted to the s/v _________________ to anchor at Karachi Harbour. Necessary examination / fumigation will be conducted by the Assistant Entomologist (Quarantine), Karachi on its arrival subject to the condition that no vessel shall discharge American cotton during a period of rain, mist or drizzle.

DIRECTOR,

To:
M/s __________________________

Copies to:
1. The Collector of Customs, House, Karachi.
2. The Traffic Manager, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
3. The Assistant Entomologist (Quarantine), Karachi, Seaport.

DIRECTOR.
Government of Pakistan
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES
Department of Plant Protection
Karachi, Pakistan

PHYTO SANITARY / HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Book No. ................ Serial No. ................
No. ................ Date. ................

PAKISTAN PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICE

To. ................
(Plant Protection Organization)

Of. ................

(Inspecting Country)

DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT

Name and address of exporter: .................................................................

Declared name and address of consignee: ...........................................

Number and description of packages: ...................................................

Bacteriological test: .................................................................

Date of origin: .................................................................

Declared port of entry: .................................................................

Name of product and quantity declared: ...........................................

Botanical name of plants: .................................................................

This is to certify that the plants or plant products described above have been inspected and found free from quarantine pests and that they are considered to conform with the phytosanitary regulations.

DISINFECTION AND / OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

Date ................ Treatment .................................................................

Chemical (Active ingredient) .................................................................

Concentration .................................................................

Date of final inspection: .................................................................

Additional Declaration: .................................................................

Place of issue: .................................................................

Name and designation: .................................................................

Of authorized Officer: .................................................................

Date: ................ (Signature)

This certificate applies only to infectious insect and plant diseases of the growing crop which are readily capable of detection at the time of inspection. No liability shall attach to the Department of Plant Protection in any case where the information furnished with this certificate is found to be false. Alteration in the text are not allowed.

FORM VI

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATIVES
Department of Plant Protection

List of Officers authorized to inspect
And grant the official certificates

1. Director, Department of Plant Protection, Karachi.
2. Deputy Director (Quarantine), Department of Plant Protection, Karachi.
3. Entomologist (Quarantine), Department of Plant Protection, Karachi.
4. Assistant Entomologist (Quarantine), Department of Plant Protection, Karachi.
5. Mycologist, Assistant Mycologist (Quarantine), Department of Plant Protection.

Signed:

PCPPK-9/54694-95/Met. Deprt-14-12-94-200 Books
Appendix II: Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate for Animal and Animal Products:

U.S. ORIGIN HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORTATION OF BOVINE SEMEN TO PAKISTAN

II. Name and Address of Artificial Insemination Center:
   Name of Consignor:
   Address of Consignor:

III. Destination of the Semen:
   Name of Consignee:
   Address of Consignee:

I. Donor Animal and Semen Identification:

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<tr>
<th>Donor Bull Registration Name</th>
<th>Breed</th>
<th>Registration Number</th>
<th>Number of Units</th>
<th>Date of Collection</th>
<th>Collection Code</th>
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Note: Additional rows or chart may be added as needed.

IV. Health Data:

A. Certification Statements:
   1. The United States is free of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia, heartwater, foot-and-mouth-disease, rinderpest, Rift Valley fever, akabane, and lumpy skin disease.
   2. The United States has in place a ban on the feeding of ruminant origin meat-and-bone meal and greaves to ruminants and the ban is effectively enforced.
   3. At the time of semen collection, each donor bull was free from clinical evidence of infectious diseases including malignant catarrhal fever, tuberculosis, brucellosis, bovine genital campylobacteriosis, bovine genital trichomoniasis, leptospirosis, and bovine virus diarrhea.
   4. The artificial insemination (AI) center from which the semen originated has been clinically free of the above mentioned diseases during the 30 days prior to semen collection and is not under any State or federal quarantine for any bovine diseases.
   5. Each donor animal was, at the time of semen collection, part of the resident herd at a semen collection center which complies with “Certified Semen Services (CSS) Minimum Requirements for Disease Control of Semen Produced for Artificial Insemination” or the OIE code for bovine semen production.
   6. Each donor animal was tested and examined prior to entry, during isolation before entering the resident herd, and before semen release and every 6 months while in the resident herd for tuberculosis, brucellosis, bovine genital campylobacteriosis, bovine genital trichomoniasis, and leptospirosis in accordance with the CSS Minimum Requirements and found free from these diseases.

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7. Each donor was tested and examined prior to entry, during isolation before entering the resident herd, and before semen release for bovine viral diarrhea virus in accordance with the CSS Minimum Requirements and found free from this disease.

8. For heterospermic products, each donor animal has met the health conditions outlined in Certification Statements 2-6 and has met the testing conditions specified.

9. The collection, handling, and processing of semen was done in accordance with CSS Minimum Requirements or OIE Code/recommendations. The semen straws were identified and labeled according to approved codes of the United States that indicates the date of collection.

10. The donor bulls were negative to tests for the following diseases within the 6 months prior to or 6 months after semen collection for export: brucellosis, tuberculosis, leptospirosis (*L. canicola, L. grippotyphosa, L. hardjo, L. pomona, and L. icterohaemorrhagiae*) bovine genital campylobacteriosis, and bovine genital trichomoniasis.

11. In lieu of testing for leptospirosis, donor bulls were treated with an effective antibiotic within 14 days prior to collection of semen for export or treatment of semen with antibiotic cocktail with known efficacy against Leptospira: 50 mcg tylisoin, 250 mcg gentamycin, 150 Lincomycin, and 300 mcg Spectinomycin per ml of frozen semen.

12. The following antibiotics have been added to the semen and the extender during processing:

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<th>Neat Semen</th>
<th>Final Concentration for a 2-Step Extender (a)</th>
<th>Final Concentration for a 1-Step Extender (b)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Gentamicin</td>
<td>500 mcg per ml</td>
<td>250 mcg per ml</td>
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<td>2. Tylosin</td>
<td>100 mcg per ml</td>
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<td>3. Lincomycin</td>
<td>300 mcg per ml</td>
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<td>4. Spectinomycin</td>
<td>600 mcg per ml</td>
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(a) composed of non-glycerol and glycerol containing fractions for processing
(b) Non-fractionated regarding glycerol content during processing

V. Test Requirements

The donor bulls were negative to the following tests within 6 months prior to or 6 months after the collection of the semen for export, the testing option used will be indicated in the testing chart:

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<th>Disease</th>
<th>Test</th>
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<td>1. Brucellosis:</td>
<td>Complement fixation (CF), buffered Brucella antigen test, SPT/STT OR other official USDA APHIS approved test</td>
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<td>2. Tuberculosis:</td>
<td>Negative to an official USDA prescribed test</td>
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<td>3. Bovine Campylobacteriosis:</td>
<td>Culture of preputial material OR</td>
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Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) of preputial material OR

Screen preputial material using Floresent Antibody (FA). Any positive FA must be followed by a culture of preputial material, for final determination.

4. Bovine veneral Trichomoniasis: Microscopic exam of cultured preputial material OR
   PCR of preputial material

5. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test with negative results at the 1:400 dilution for serotypes \textit{L. pomona}, \textit{L. hardjo}, \textit{L. canicola}, \textit{L. grippotyphosa}, and \textit{L. icterohaemorrhagiae}

6. Enzootic Bovine Leukosis: ELISA OR AGID of the donor bull within 6 months prior to OR 6 months after the semen collection; OR
   PCR of an aliquot of the semen being exported.

7. Bluetongue Virus:
   (a) The semen was collected in a USDA designated bluetongue low incidence State and the donor was resident for at least 60 days prior to, and during semen collection. These States are: Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington (western part), West Virginia, and Wisconsin. OR
   (b) Serum samples were collected from each donor and tested for bluetongue antibodies using an ELISA test, with negative results in each case, and the serum samples were collected at least 14 days before the first semen collection, at least 21 days after final semen collection, and not more than 6 months apart. OR
   (c) Blood samples from the donor animals were subjected to a virus isolation test or nucleic acid detection test (polymerase chain reaction technology [PCR]) for bluetongue virus with negative results. The blood samples were collected: at the commencement of semen collection; at the conclusion of semen collection, and either - at least every 7 days during semen collection (for a virus isolation test) or - every 28 days during semen collection (for a PCR). OR
   (d) PCR testing of each collection code of semen to be exported

FEDERAL ENDORSEMENT

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<th>Type or Print - Name and Address of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian</th>
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<td>Date issued and signature of Accredited Veterinarian</td>
<td>Date Endorsed and Signature of Endorsing Federal Veterinarian</td>
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NOTE: Please enter date and type of the last resident herd test done for those tests listed in the chart.

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<tr>
<th>Donor Bull Identification</th>
<th>Sperm Collection Date</th>
<th>Brucellosis Test &amp; Sample Date</th>
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<th>Campylobacteriosis Test &amp; Sample Date</th>
<th>Trichomoniasis Test &amp; Sample Date</th>
<th>Leptospirosis Test &amp; Sample Date</th>
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CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
FOR GENERAL USE

The undersigned ____________________________ (Owner or Agent, or Co.) declares
for ____________________________ (Name and Address of Shipper)
that the following mentioned goods shipped on ____________________________ (Name of Ship)
on the date ____________________________ consigned to ____________________________
are the product of the United States of America.

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<th>MARKS AND NUMBERS</th>
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STATE OF
COUNTY OF

Sworn to before me
this ______ day of _____ 20____
(Signature of Owner or Agent)

The ____________________________ a recognized Chamber of Commerce under the laws of the State of ____________________________ has examined the manufacturer's invoice or shipper's affidavit concerning the origin of the merchandise and, according to the best of its knowledge and belief, finds that the products named originated in the United States of America.

Secretary __________________________________________

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Appendix III: Pakistan’s Phytosanitary requirements to import specific products:

**PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN IN THE FIELD OF PLANT QUARANTINE FOR IMPORTING COUNTRIES**

1. **Laws of Pakistan (titles of regulatory Acts in the field of Plant Quarantine; No. of acts, date of adoption)**

   In Pakistan, the Plant Quarantine is regulated under the Pakistan Plant Quarantine Act, 1976 and Pakistan Plant Quarantine Rules, 1967 (copy attached as Annexure – A). Pakistan is the signatory of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) since 1954 and Department of Plant Protection (DPP) has been functioning as the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) under the provisions of IPPC and the SPS Agreement of the WTO.

2. **General Provisions**

   a) **Requirements for Phytosanitary Certificates in case of imports (records in additional declaration)**

   All the imports of plant and plant material are subject to Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) to assess the potential phytosanitary risks associated with the import of a particular commodity and to work out the management options to mitigate the risks in the pathway of import. Resultantly, the import conditions on the basis of the outcome of PRA are workout for a specific commodity from a particular country and are notified to the exporting country in the form of an ‘Import Permit’. The exporting country is required to fulfill the phytosanitary import conditions of Pakistan through quarantine inspection and treatment (if any) and certify through a valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by their NPPO that the particular consignment is pest free and fulfilling the import conditions of Pakistan. That consignment on arrival in Pakistan on specified port of entry is quarantined and inspected in light of the import conditions notified in the Import Permit. As a result of quarantine inspection, the Plant Quarantine Inspectors decide to release, treat, destroy or return back the consignment. The DPP issues Plant Protection Release Order (PPRO) after satisfactory inspection/treatment and notify the Pakistan Customs to release the particular consignment.

   b) **Validity period of Phytosanitary Certificate for Import of Goods**

   The ‘Import Permit’ issued by Department of Plant Protection is valid for a maximum of 03 months. The exporting country is required to export the particular commodity within the given time of 03 months and required to meet the phytosanitary import conditions of Pakistan through their valid ‘Phytosanitary Certificate’ issued during this period of 03 months. If by any reason the import is not made possible and Import Permit become expired then a new Import Permit on the request of importer is issued for the period of another 03 months.
c) **Necessity of an Import Permit (Procedure of obtaining such Permit)**

The purpose of ‘Import Permit’ is to notify the particular exporting country that the Pakistan has granted the market access to the specific commodity of plant nature and the import of that specific commodity is allowed in the country on the specific phytosanitary import conditions. The Department of Plant Protection issues ‘Import Permit’ to the importers fulfilling the requirements for registration as importers notified in the Import Policy Order, issued by Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan. The authorized importer is required to submit an application to the DPP on the Form-I (copy attached) and the Import Permit is issued after fulfillment of the codal formalities prescribed in the Pakistan Plant Quarantine Act, 1976 and Rules, 1967 (copy enclosed).

d) **Necessity of Fumigation of Importing Quarantined Goods (Product list, Processing period, Substances exposure, dosage)**

Special Phytosanitary Treatments (fumigation, cold treatment, heat treatment etc.) are required for the commodities containing high phytosanitary risks. The commodities namely bean, chick peas, pulses, crude drugs, medicinal herbs, lucerne, oats, sunflower, canola seed for oil extraction, rape seed for oil extraction, cotton, raw jute, sorghum for consumption, soybean meal, sunflower meal, tobacco and wheat require mandatory fumigation. The detail of fumigation with processing time, fumigants, exposure/duration and dosage is given in the below mention Table-A.

3. **List of Quarantine Objects (diseases, infections and/ or pests typical for seed and Planting Material importing into Pakistan)**

The Quarantine objects, Phytosanitary Import Conditions and Additional Conditions to be notified to the exporting country are worked out as a result of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA). These conditions are not constant but may be modified as result of subsequent PRAs keeping in view of the change in pest profile of a particular commodity in the specific country. Following are the general Additional Conditions for import of high-risk commodities in Pakistan. The Country specific import requirements are add on as a result of PRA.

**Table-A: Detail of Additional Conditions for Import of High Risk Commodities**

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| Alfalfa Seed  | 1. Seed consignment must be accompanied with seed testing report issued from Government Laboratory or based on ISTA rules that the seeds are free from Dodder *Cuscuta* spp. and other weed seeds.  
2. The consignment should be free from impurities dust, stones, soil lumps, fungus galls plant debris and all kinds of weed seeds Tolerance zero percent in this respect. |
3. The consignment must be treated with appropriate fungicide for sowing purpose before shipment, excluding mercury compound and fungicide to be specified.
4. Seed should be not genetically modified.
5. The consignment of Medicago sativa should be free from the following pest.
   i. *Pretatlenchus thornei*
   ii. *Pseudomonas syringae pv. Syringae* (bacterial canker or blast (stone and pome fruit))
   iii. *Rotylenchulus reniformis* (reniform nematode)
   iv. *Spodoptera littoralis* (leafworm, Egyptian cotton)

**Barley**

Consignment should be accompanied with phytosanitary certificate issued from Government Agency and free from insect pests, diseases, sand, soil, soil humps, plant debris, weeds, shrivelled, discoloured grains and grains showing black point symptoms.

The consignment should also be free from following diseases.

1. *Anugina tritici*
2. *Claviceps purpurea*
3. *Ustilago nuda*
4. *Pseudomonas atrofaciens*
5. *Xanthomonas translucens*

**Bean**

i. Fumigation of the consignment prior to loading with Methyl Bromide 4-Lbs per 1000 c.ft for 24 hours at temperature 25°-32°C. The dosage of fumigant is suitably increased if fumigation is carried out under low temperature.

ii. A certificate from official Government agency that the cargo does not contain, soil stones, soil humps, insects, eaten seed, sticks, weed seeds and any undesirable extraneous materials.

iii. Additional declaration on the phytosanitary certificate.

iv. The consignment has been carefully examined and tested against the presence of:
   1) *Colletotrichum spp*
   2) *Corynebacterium flaccumfaciens*
   3) *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*
   4) *Pseudomonas syringae*
   5) *Xanthomonas phaseoli*
   6) *Bean Mosaic Virus*
1. The seed imported by them for sowing purpose must be treated with appropriate fungicide and certified by competent authority in the country of origin. The name of the fungicide and dose used is mentioned on the Phytosanitary issued by the authority.

2. The consignment of seed must accompany seed testing report giving details of germination abnormal seeds inert matter weed seed and seed pathology.

3. Untreated seeds reaching Karachi port may be confiscated send back to the country of origin at the cost of importer of treated with appropriate fungicide at the cost and risk of importer.

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**Chick Peas and Pulses**

1. Fumigation with Methyl Bromide @ 1 kg per 1000 c.ft for 48 hours, 36 gm / m³ for 48 hours, 72 gm / m³ for 24 hours, or Phosphine gas 1.1 gm/m³ for 96 hour, which must be endorsed in the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the government agency.

2. Certificate from government authorized agency stating percentage of weed seeds and foreign matters. But it should not be more than 0.4%.

3. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged seed. Should also be absolutely free from soil, dirt and soil lumps.

4. Above additional condition must be mentioned in Phytosanitary Certificate.

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**Citrus Fruit**

1. Produced from area free from diseases.

2. The consignment should be free from Canker disease.

3. Dipping treatment with SOPP.

4. Free of unapproved plant parts, soil and pesticide residues

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**Cotton Seed**

1. Seed consignment must be accompanied with seed testing report issued from government laboratory of country of origin showing details of germination abnormal seed inert materials weed seeds year of production and seed pathology.

2. The seed must be treated with fungicide the dose and name of fungicide used should be mentioned in
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| **Crude Drugs/ Medicinal Herbs** | 1. The crude drugs must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant and certified by a competent authority in the country of origin. The name of the fumigant and dose used is mentioned on the Phytosanitary certificate issued by the authority.  
2. Un-fumigated crude drugs reaching Karachi may be confiscated send back to the country of origin at the expense of the importer or fumigated with appropriate fumigant at the cost of risk of imported before release. |
| **Fresh Dates**         | 1. The consignment should be a fresh crop obtained from current seasons.                                                                                                                                                   |
|                        | 2. Prior to packing in 25-Kgs paper bags the entire consignment along with the packing material should be fumigated by Iran Government (Official Agency) responsibly for issuance of Phytosanitary Certificate with methyl bromide 5-Lbs per 1000 cft under airtight tarpaulins with an exposure of 24-hours at appropriate. |
|                        | 3. The dates should be free from dirt, impurities, insects, pests, eggs, and larvae.                                                                                                                                       |
|                        | 4. Additional declaration in the Phytosanitary Certificate by competent Government authority that the following pests, diseases are not recorded in the country of origin that the dates do not contain moths and nit dulls that effect dates fruits. |
|                        | 5. Consignment should be free from *Spodoptera littoralis*.                                                                                                                                                                |
|                        | 6. The Consignment must be accompanied with the Phytosanitary Certificate from country of origin and shipment (if differ).                                                                                                     |
| **Fresh Ginger**        | The consignment of fresh ginger imported in Pakistan must be dry cleaned and mud/soil free otherwise the consignment will be washed at the point of entry at the cost and risk of importer before release.                             |
| **Seed**                | 1. Seed consignment must be accompanied with seed testing report issued from government laboratory of country of origin showing details of germination abnormal seed inert materials weed seeds year of production and seed pathology. |
|                        | 2. The seed must be treated with fungicide and the dose and name of fungicide used should be mentioned in Phytosanitary Certificate.  |
| **Lucerne (Medicago sativa)** | 3. Consignment should be free from genetically modification.  
4. The consignment should be free from any insect, fungus or nematode and other weed seeds. |
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|                             | 1. Should be free from bacteria, viruses, nematodes, mites and objectionable weed seeds and insects.  
2. Should be free from root, foot and fruit rots diseases.  
3. Should be free from leaf spot, leaf blight, Fusarium blight, night shade and rust diseases.  
4. Must be fumigated with Phosphine @ 3g / M³ at the port of loading.  
5. Government lab, test report.  
6. Treatment with appropriate fungicide at required dose and it should be mentioned in the Phytosanitary certificate. |
| **Maize Seeds**             | 1. Seed consignment must be accompanied with seed testing report issued from government laboratory of country of origin, showing details of germination, abnormal seed, inert material weed seeds, year of production and seed pathology.  
2. The must be treated with fungicide and the dose and name of fungicide used should be mentioned in phytosanitary certificate.  
3. Untreated seed reaching Pakistan will be confiscated or sent back to the country of origin or treated with appropriate dose of fungicide on the cost and risk of importer before release.  
4. The consignment is accompanied with official certificate stated that the crop/consignment was not infected by Xanthomonas stewartii.  
5. Consignment should not be Genetically Modified (GMO). |
| **Millet**                  | 1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain and should also be absolutely free from soil, dirt and soil lumps.  
2. Additional condition must be mentioned in phytosanitary certificate.  
3. The consignment must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant. |
| **Oats (Avena Sativa)**     | 1. Should be free from bacteria, viruses, nematodes, mites and objectionable weed seeds and insects. |
| **Sunflower and Canola Seed for Oil Extraction** | 1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain and should also be absolutely free from soil, dirt and soil lumps.  
2. Additional condition must be mentioned in phytosanitary certificate.  
3. The consignment must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant. |
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| **Onion/ Garlic Bulb** | 1. The condition of onion/garlic bulbs should be free from smut diseases *Urocystis Caepulae* Downy Mildew *Peronospora Destructor* and other insects, pests and diseases.
2. The competent authority should assurance that the onion bulbs picked up from the area is free from the diseases as stated above. |
| **Potato Seed** | 1. It must be certified of Phytosanitary certificate issue by the Phytopathological department that the crop from which the consignment is derived was not grown in the vicinity of unhealthy potato crop and did not originate from a place where Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*), Golden nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis*), Black wart (*Synchtrium endobioticum*), Silver scurf (*Selminthosporium soloni*) and powdery scab (*Spongospora Subetramena*) and other scab and potato spindle tuber viroid were prevalent. These pests and diseases mentioned were not recorded with in 2-kilometer radius of the place where the potato crop was grown during the past twelve months.
2. The potato seed must confirm the enclosed minimum seed Certification standard as approved by the National Seed Council. |
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<th><strong>Rape Seed for Oil Extraction</strong></th>
<th><strong>Cotton (Gossypium hirsutum)</strong></th>
<th><strong>Raw Jute (Corchorus capsulari)</strong></th>
<th><strong>Rice (Paddy Seeds)</strong></th>
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<td>3. Import of seed potatoes resistant of wart diseases is only permitted.</td>
<td>1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain and should also be absolutely free from soil, dust and soil lumps.</td>
<td>Raw jute should be dry and clean, and free from insects and fungus. It should also be free from sand, soil and dust. In case of living insects are found on your consignment it will be fumigated at your cost before the issue of release order. Phytosanitary Certificate of the country of origin. In original issued in favor of Plant Protection Department of Pakistan will be acceptable only.</td>
<td>1. Official Phytosanitary Certificate with an official</td>
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<td>4. Consignment should be free from soil, unapproved plant parts.</td>
<td>2. Additional condition must be mentioned in Phytosanitary Certificate.</td>
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<td>5. Bags/Containers should be clean.</td>
<td>3. The consignment must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant.</td>
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<td>6. Import of shoots leaves and green parts of potatoes is not permitted.</td>
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**Notes:**
- Phytosanitary certificate must be in English.
- The consignment must be fumigated for 48 hours with 3-4 lbs of Methyl Bromide per 1000 C FT before loading which must be reflect in the Phytosanitary certificate.
- Please advise local agent of shipping company to obtain Anchorage Permit from the Department 14 day prior to berthing of Vessel.
- The consignment before unloading will be sprayed / disinfested to avoid any possible escape of pest during unloading and the bales will be fumigated on the plinth before release.
verification by the competent authority that the consignment of rice breeding material has been suitably tested under ISTA approved detection technique and found free from:

- *Ditylenchus angustus*
- *Aphelenchoides besseyi*
- *Tilletia barchlayana*
- *Xanthomonas oryzae*
- *Xanthomonas oryzicola*

2. Seeds should be perfectly treated with systematic fungicides at appropriate dose and name of fungicide must be mentioned in the Phytosanitary Certificate.

3. It must be accompanied with a seed testing report issued by the government agency giving details of germination, abnormal seeds, inert matter weed seeds and seed pathology etc.

4. The consignment should be free from genetically modification.

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<td>1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain and should also be absolutely free from soil, dirt and soil lumps.</td>
<td>1. The Seed imported for sowing purpose must be treated with appropriate fungicide and certified by the competent authority of the country of origin. The name of the fungicide and dose used is mentioned on the Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the authority.</td>
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<td>2. Additional condition must be mentioned in phytosanitary certificate.</td>
<td>2. The seeds should be free from dangerous weed seeds, fungal, bacterial and viral diseases and insect pests.</td>
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<td>3. The consignment must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant.</td>
<td>3. The seed should be free from sand soil plant debris or any foreign materials.</td>
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<td>1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain</td>
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| Soybean Seed | 1. Inspection certificate with additional declaration that Cyst-forming nematodes do not occur in the growing premises and that the seed are clean from soil and other concomitant contamination.  
2. The authority issuing the Phytosanitary Certificate must endorse that the Soybean lots are free from (*Colletotrichum*, *Truncatula*, *Diaporthe* spp., *Septoria Glycine*, *Peronospora* spp., *Xanthomonas*, Phaseoli and infectious Variegation Virus).  
3. Treatment with appropriate fungicide (e.g. Thiram 1-3/4433/100 Lbs).  
4. Purity / Germination report from Government seed testing station.  
5. Consignment should be free from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO). |
| Sunflower Meal | 1. Consignment should be free from stored grain pest and other impurities including pest eaten and damaged grain and should also be absolutely free from soil, dirt and soil lumps.  
2. Additional conditions must be mentioned in Phytosanitary Certificate.  
3. The consignment must be fumigated with appropriate fumigant. |
| Sugar Cane Fuzz | Importation of sugarcane is prohibited provided that the Director may authorize the importation of small quantities of plant or plant material, subject to the following conditions:  
1. That the importation is made for scientific purpose;  
2. That the imported planting material is grown at a recognized post entry quarantine station for an adequate period before release for large-scale planting; and  
3. That the usual official certificate accompanying the consignment should bear an additional declaration to the effect that the planting material was inspected in the field and was found to be free from injurious pests and diseases and particularly from the following diseases, |
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<th>Tobacco (<em>Nicotiana Labacum</em>)</th>
<th>Unmanufactured tobacco, either raw or cured, shall not be imported into Pakistan unless, in additional to the usual official certificate required it is accompanied by an additional declaration that it is free <em>Ephesia elutella</em> or that the pest does not exist in the country of origin. The consignment must be fumigated with Methyl bromide 3-4 Lbs per 1000 cft and free from insect pests and other diseases.</th>
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| **Vegetable Seeds**            | 1. Seed consignment must be accompanied with seed testing report issued from government laboratory the country of origin, showing details of germination abnormal seeds, inert materials, weed seeds, year of production and seed pathology.  
2. The vegetable seed must be treated with fungicide and the dose name of fungicide used should be mentioned in Phytosanitary certificate. Untreated seed reaching Pakistan will be confiscated sent back to the country of origin or treated with appropriate fungicide on the cost and risk of importer before release.  
3. Declaration from exporter that vegetable seed is not genetically modified is compulsory. |
| **Sunflower**                  | 1. Additional declaration of the Phytosanitary Certificate, issued by the Phytopathological Department of the exporting country that Helianthus Mosaic Virus does not occur in the country of origin.  
2. That the parent plants from where the seeds were obtained, were inspected During active growth and found free from *Plasmopara halstedii, Phoma Olearacea var.*  
3. The consignment should be free from seed borne diseases such as *Puccinia helianthi, Sclerotina helianthi, Verticillium spp.* as well as weed seeds and practically free from plant debris. This Certification should be endorsed in Phytosanitary Certificate on the basis of seed health testing with approved Seed testing procedure. Treatment with appropriate fungicide and fumigant (dose and chemical shall be specified in Phytosanitary Certificate).  
4. It must be accompanied with seed testing report issued
by the government Authority showing germination percentage and must be practically free from all foreign materials.


6. The Consignment should not be Genetically Modified.

7. Maximum level of Sclerotin bodies of *Sclerotinia Sclerotiorum* are 0.1%.

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<td>Substantially free from smut, ergot, fungus, eurygater and striga weed.</td>
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<td>Fumigated with phosphine (i) prior to loading or after loading at the rate of 3 gms of phosphine active ingredient per cubic meter volume of wheat grain, to be retained for 21 days or (ii) in case of transit fumigation ship holds should have provision for forced recirculation of phosphine fumigation at the dose rate of 3 gms per cubic meter or (iii) fumigated as prescribed under law of country of origin and re circulated and dust retained.</td>
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4. **List of Quarantine Goods Prohibited/ Restricted for Import**

The following commodities having potential phytosanitary risks are prohibited/ restricted in Pakistan. The details of relevant Sections of Pakistan Plant Quarantine Rules, 1967 are attached.

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5. **Restrictions on Import of Goods (Please specify)**

The following commodities are restricted to import in Pakistan as per the requirements of the Import Policy Order, issued by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan. The relevant details extracted from Import Policy Order, 2013 are attached as Annexure – B.