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Plant Products Banned from Import into Tunisia

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Report Highlights:

Tunisia bans the import of several plants and plant products from some or all countries, including but not limited to citrus, dates, apples, pears, alfalfa, clover, potatoes, peaches, and olives.

Plant Products Banned from Import into Tunisia

A Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture Order dated June 6, 2015, bans the import of the following plants and plant products thereof:

- **Citrus** and **Dates** from all countries
- **Apples** and **Pears** from all countries with *Erwinia amylovora* (Fire blight)
- **Alfalfa**, **Clover**, and **Potatoes** from all countries with *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *albedinis* (Bayoud Disease)
- **Peaches** from all countries with *Bactrocera* spp.
- **Olives** from all countries with *Xylella fastidiosa*.

Tunisia published the phytosanitary measure in the *Journal Officiel de la République Tunisienne* — July 10, 2015, N° 55, Page 1513-1514, which is available [online](#). The measure is not available in the WTO's Sanitary and Phytosanitary Information Management System. A courtesy translation follows.

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Order of the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries dated 26 June 2015, fixing the list of plants and plant products whose entry into Tunisian territory is prohibited.

The Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries,

Given the constitution,

Having regard to Law No. 92-72 of August 3, 1992, on the recasting of the Plant Protection Legislation, as supplemented by Law No 99-5 of January 11, 1999, and notably its Article 3,

Having regard to Decree No 2001-419 of February 13, 2001, laying down the powers of the Ministry of Agriculture,

Having regard to Decree No. 2001-420 of February 13, 2001, on the organization of the Ministry of Agriculture, group of texts that have modified or supplemented it, the latest of which is Decree No. 2011-1560 of September 5, 2011,

Having regard to Presidential Decree No. 2015-35 of February 6, 2015, appointing the Head of Government and its members,

Having regard to the order of the Minister of Agriculture of May 31, 2012, fixing the list of plants and plant products, of which the entry into Tunisian territory is prohibited.

Order:

Article 1 - The introduction in Tunisia of the plants and plant products listed below is prohibited:

| | Description | Country of origin |
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| 1. | Plants and plant products of Citrus L., and any other kind of family of Rutaceae, with the exception of fruit without peduncles and seeds | All countries |
| 2. | Plants, plant products and any object made up in whole or in part of the family of Palmaceae. With the exception of coconut (cocos nucifera) used as culture medium after undergoing sterilization | All countries |
| 3. | Plants and plant products of Henna (Lawsonia inermis L.) | Countries contaminated by Bayoud (Fusarium oxysporum fsp. albedinis) |
| 4. | Plants and plant products of lucerne (Medicago sativa L.) | |
| 5. | Plants and plant products of clover (Trifolium spp.) | |
| 6. | Rooted plants for planting and underground parts of plants | |
| 7. | Plants and plant products, with the exception of seeds, of the following kinds: Amelanchier Med Aronia Med Chaenomeles .Lindl Cotoneaster .Ehrh Crataegus L Cydonia Mill | Countries Contaminated with Fireblight "Erwinia amylovora" |

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| | Docynia (Wall) Decne Eriobotrya Lindl Malus Mill Mespilus L Peraphyllum Nurt Photinia, Lindl Pyracantha Hanse Pyrus L Sorbus L Stranvaesia Decaisne | |
| 8. | Plants and plant products of olives: <i>Olea europaea</i> | Countries contaminated by "Xylella fastidiosa" |
| 9. | Seeds of ryegrass (<i>Lolium</i> spp) | Countries contaminated with "Listronotus bonariensis" |
| 10. | Fruits of <i>Carica papaya</i> L., <i>Mangifera indica</i> L., <i>Psidium guajava</i> L., <i>Prunus persica</i> Batsch, Citrus | Countries contaminated with "Bactrocera SPP" |
| 11. | Used packaging of any kind | All countries |
| 12. | Soil and cultivation environment made up wholly or partly of soil or solid organic matter such as pieces of plants, humus, with the exception of those consisting of following substrates (peat, perlite, vermiculite, coir, etc.), | All countries |

Art. 2 - Are repealed all the previous provisions contrary to this Order and in particular the order of the Minister of Agriculture of May 31, 2012, fixing the list of plants and plant products which are prohibited from entering the Tunisian territory.

Art. 3 - This order will be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Tunisia.

Tunis, June 26, 2015.

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