

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WORKS
(FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DIVISION)**

S.R.O. 129(K)/67—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub- section (1) of Section 3, Section 4A and 4D of the Destructive Insect and Pests Act, 1914 (II of 1914) and in supersession of all other rules, orders and notifications in these behalf, the Central Government is pleased to make the following rules, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called the Destructive Insects and Pests Rules, 1966 (Plant Quarantine).

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Definition- ¹ ["(1) In these rules"] unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

(a) "Act" means the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (II of 1914);

(b) "American Cotton" means all cotton produced in any part of the western hemisphere (North, South and Central America and adjoining islands);

(c) "Bale" means any pressed package of cotton ² ["or cotton fabric, jute or jute products"] of whatever size or density.

Subs. ibid., for " In these rules" by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

1. Inserted .

- ¹ ["(cc) "Carrier" means any ship or container, boat, train, aircraft or road transport carrying plant and plant products".]
- (d) "Cotton" includes ginned cotton and droppings, strippings, fly and other waste products of a cotton mill other than yarn waste, but does not include cotton seed or unginned cotton;
- ² ["(e) " Department" means the Plant Protection Wing of the Department of Agricultural Extension under the Ministry of Agriculture;]
- ³ ["(ee) " Deputy Director (Quarantine)" means the Deputy Director in charge of the Plant Quarantine Section of the Department"]
- (f) " Director" means the Director of the Department ;
- (g) " Disease" means any pathological or abnormal condition of a plant caused by insects, mites, nematodes, protozoa, fungi, ⁴ [" bacteria, virus, viroids, mollusca and mycoplasma"] recognizable by the presence of symptoms or of the organism inciting it;
- (h) " Disinfestation or disinfection" means any scientific treatment applied for the purpose of destroying or reducing any infection or infestation that may occur on, in or amongst ⁵ ["plant products"]

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² Sub. Ibid. for " Department" means the Department of Locust Warning and Plant Quarantine, under the Ministry of Agriculture & Works (Agriculture Division)".

³ Inserted.

⁴ Inserted.

⁵ Subs. for the words " Plant material".

⁶ Published in the Gazette of Pakistan, January 27, 1967

- (i) "Exporter" includes any person who, whether as owner, consignor, agent or broker, is in possession of, or in any way entitled to, the custody or control of the ¹ ["plant and plant product"]
- (j) "Forms" means a Form annexed to these rules;
- (k) "Importer" includes any person who, whether as owner, consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of, or in any way entitled to, the custody or control of the ¹ ["plant and plant products"]
- (l) ² ["Phytosanitary certificate"] means a certificate of plant health granted by the appropriate officer or authority in the country of origin;
- (m) "Plant pest" means any living animal or plant in any stage of its development known, suspected or liable to be harmful to the existence or growth of economic plants or to ¹ ["plant products"] whether by direct ³ ["infestation or infection"] or attack or by causing or spreading diseases in economic plants and known to ⁴ ["infest or infect"] land or water thereby preventing or obstructing its possible agricultural uses.
- (n) ¹ ["Plant or Plant products"] means all species of plants or parts thereof, whether living or dead, including stems, branches, tubers, bulbs, corms, stocks, bud wood, cuttings, layers, slips, suckers, roots, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, seedlings and any other products of plant origin, ⁵ ["Whether processed or not, which is likely to harbour and carry plant pests"]];

¹ Subs. for the words "plant material" by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for the words "Official certificate"

³ Subs. for the words "infestation".

⁴ Subs. for the words "infest".

⁵ Subs. for the words "which has not been processed, such as bark, husk and peelings".

- ¹ [(nn) "Plant Quarantine" means the effort to prevent entry, establishment or spread of a foreign pest in the country through legal restriction on the movement of "plant and plant products,"]
- (o) " Plant Quarantine Officer" means any person authorized in writing by the Director to act on his behalf.
- ² [(p) " Post entry quarantine" means the process to detect the presence and development of any pest associated with imported plant and plant products during growth period under controlled ecological condition;"
- (q) " Prescribed port or point of entry" means the routes authorized by the Director for entry or exit of plant and plant products, such as, Chittagong Seaport, Mongla Seaport, Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagang, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka, Sylhet Osmani Airport, Darsana Railway Station, Benapole land border checkpost and such other land, sea or air routes as may be declared by the Director from time to time, for the said purpose;
- (r) " Transit" means arrival in Bangladesh of plant or plant products from one foreign country destined for transportation to another, whether transhipped from one carrier to another whatever be the duration of the temporary stay of the consignment in Bangladesh;
- (s) "Weed" means any species of plant , known suspected or liable to be harmful to crops, plantations, individual plants of economic value, plant products, cultivable land or water system, whether by its mere presence or through its biological activity;"]
- ³ [(t) * * * * *]
- (2) All provisions referring to plant or ⁴ [" plant products"] shall apply also to all packing material used in packing or wrapping such plant or ⁴ [" plant products"];

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² Subs. for sub-rule (p), (q),(r) , (s).

³ Omitted

⁴ Subs for the words " plant material".

IMPORT

3. IMPORT OF PLANT OR ¹ ["PLANT PRODUCTS"]

No person shall import any plant or ¹["plant products"] which may be a source or medium of infection or infestation by diseases and plant pests destructive to agriculture or medium for the introduction of noxious weeds, except under a valid import permit obtained prior to such importation in

²["Form 1A"] issued by the Director or the ³ [" Deputy Director (Quarantine)"] and except through the prescribed ports or points of entry.

[4. PLANT PRODUCTS FOR WHICH SPECIAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 3, plants and plant products likely to carry any new pest or disease may be imported for research or propagation purpose in limited quantities on special consideration by a permit issued by the Director in Form 1A;
- (2) Importation of plants and plant products under this rule shall be made only through Chittagong Port, Port of Mongla, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka, Shah Amanat International Airport, Chittagong or Benapole Land border checkpost and shall be subject to such condition as may be specified in the permit with regard to such importation and post entry quarantine,"]

¹ Subs. for ' plant material' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for Form-1

³ Subs. for ' Quarantine Entomologist'.

⁴ Subs. for rule '4'

5. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT PLANT OR ¹["PLANT PRODUCTS"]

- ² [(1) For the purpose of import of any plant or plant products the importer shall, prior to entering into any contract with supplier and opening of letter of Credit submit an application in 'Form' to the Director or Deputy Director (Quarantine) for an import permit"]
- (2) All such applications shall be signed by the person who intends to import the plant or ¹ ["plant products"] or his duly authorized agent and shall specify:
- (a) the kind and quantity of plant or ¹ ["plant products"]
 - (b) the country and locality of origin
 - (c) destination
 - (d) the name and address of the consigner and the consignee;
 - (e) means of transport;
 - (f) the prescribed port or point of entry;
 - (g) purpose for which the plant or ¹ ["plant products"] is proposed to be imported e.g. consumption, propagation or processing.

6. NOTICE OF ARRIVAL BY THE IMPORTER

The importer shall inform the Director or the Plant Quarantine Officer of the probable date of arrival of the plant or ¹ ["plant products"] at the prescribed port or point of entry and shall on arrival of the plant or ¹ ["plant products"] notify to the Director the number of the permit, name of ship or vessel, date of arrival, country of origin and locality where grown, and the character and quantity of the plant or ¹ ["plant products"]

¹ Subs. for the word "plant material" by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for sub-rule (1)

7. EFUSAL & REVOCATION OF PERMITS:—

A permit to import plant ¹["plant products"] may be revoked if, in the opinion of the Director or the ²["Deputy Director (Quarantine)"], the importer has wilfully contravened any provision of these rules or there is reason to believe that the plant or ¹["plant product"] will be imported in violation of the provisions of these rules.

8. ³[" PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORTABLE PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS".]

⁴(1) All plants and plant products shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary Certificate from the country of origin"].

⁵ [(2) * * * * *]

⁶(3) Persons who import any plant or plant products shall submit the Phytosanitary certificate of the country of origin to the Plant Quarantine Officer for his perusal and record but this will not preclude inspection by the Plant Quarantine Officer, if such inspection is deemed necessary"];

⁷[(4) * * * * *]

¹ Subs. for 'Plant material' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for ' Quarantine Entomologist'.

³ Subs. ibid for 'Foreign certificate for inspection'

⁴ Subs. for sub-rule (1)

⁵ Omitted

⁶ Subs. for sub-rule (3)

⁷ Omitted.

- 1 ["(5) Any consignment arriving at any prescribed port or point of entry accompanied by a valid Phytosanitary certificate, fulfilling plant quarantine requirements of Bangladesh in respect of specific commodity but without import permit may be released at the Director's discretion after post- entry quarantine examination and issuance of a special order in Form III.
- (6) Plants and plant products imported under a valid import permit from the Director but without Phytosanitary certificate shall either be released at the Director's discretion after necessary fumigation or treatment, or returned to the Shipper or confiscated and destroyed at the expenses of the consignee.
- (7) Small consignments of plants and plant products, namely cut flower, flower bouquet, small quantities of fruits, fresh or dried, and vegetable carried by passengers as accompanied baggage for personal consumption, accompanied or unaccompanied with Phytosanitary certificate and import permit, shall, after realization of prescribed fees and treatment charges, where treatment is necessary, be released, if, on examination by plant Quarantine Officer on duty, they appear to be substantially free from injurious pests and diseases.
- (8) Consignments arriving without necessary additional declaration, where such declaration is required in the Phytosanitary certificate from the competent authority of the country of origin and without Import Permit from the Director or Deputy Director (Quarantine) Shall be confiscated and destroyed after making an order in form II"]

¹ Subs. ibid for sub-rule (5) , (6) and (7) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

¹["9. FREEDOM OF PALNT AND PLANT PRODUCTS FROM SAND, SOIL OR EARTH-

All imported plants and plant products shall be free from sand, soil, sawdust or earth and plant roots, rhizomes and tubers shall be washed thoroughly and repacked in such sand, soil saw dust or other planting media as shall be certified as additional declaration in the phytosanitary certificate by the duly authorized officer of plant Quarantine Service of the exporting country to have been sterilized and rendered safe or disinfected.

10. PACKING MATERIAL- Packing material, for example, hay, straw, chaff, wooden plank or pit employed in the importation of nursery stock and other plants, including any material of plant or plant origin or any commodities other than plant origin, shall not be used for packing purposes unless they are rendered free from pests and diseases by appropriate treatment and certified accordingly in the phytosanitary certificate by the authorized officer of plant Quarantine service of the country of origin as to their safety for such use.

11. PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS IMPORTED BY POST—

(1) Import of plants and plant products through post parcel shall be made in accordance with the provisions of rule 3 and sub-rule (1) and (3) of rule .

(2) On arrival of plants and plant products at the foreign post office the postal authority shall inform and hand over such parcel to the Director or Plant Quarantine Officer concerned who shall conduct necessary examination, render appropriate treatments, if required, and issue a release order in Form-III after realizing necessary fees.

(3) No such parcel shall be released by the postal authority without a release order from the Director or plant Quarantine Officer, as the case may be , Plants and plant products imported through parcel in violation of these rules shall be handled in accordance with rule 8 and decision for disposal thereof shall be intimated to the foreign post office and the consignee."];

¹ Subs. for Rule (9), (10) and (11) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

12. IMPORTATION OF INSECTS AND OTHER ANIMALS, PESTS, PLANT

DISEASES AND CULTURES FOR SCIENTIFIC AND ALLIED PURPOSES:

- (1) No person shall import from any country any harmful living insects, animals, birds, fungi, Fungus culture ¹[" bacterial culture, viral culture, mycoplasma culture"],obnoxiousweed plants or their propagating material except in accordance with the following provisions, namely:-

Any living stage of the numerous small invertebrate animals, elongated invertebrates lacking appendages, commonly referred to as worms, for example, nematodes; any form of protozoa, any form of fungi such as rusts, smuts and molds, any form of bacteria, any form of viruses, or any form of similar or allied organisms which may directly or indirectly affect, injure or cause disease in plants, unless-

- (a) the proposed importation is to be used for scientific educational, commercial, or industrial purposes only;
- (b) an application is submitted to the Director stating the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee, the scientific name of pests or diseases, the institution or place of origin, quantity, number of containers, the purpose of the importation and the name and address of the person by whom or the institution where the material will be used;

²["(c) The importation is routed only through Chittagong Seaport or Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka or such other port as may be decided by the Director;"]

- (d) the forwarding label issued with the permit designating the route through which the importation is permitted has been forwarded by the importer to the shipper and ³[" affixed on the body"] of each consignment; and

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² Subs.

³ Subs. for the words " attached to the outside"

- (e) Every importation authorized under this sub-rule is subject to inspection at the prescribed port or point of entry and may be held for further examination and refused entry or destroyed if, in the opinion of the plant Quarantine Officer, such importation is found to include insects or other organisms not specifically covered by the permit.
- (2) No person shall import exotic beneficial insects, birds, animals both vertebrate and invertebrate (Mollusca, Crustacea, Myriopoda Insecta) for scientific, educational, industrial or medicinal purposes except under, and in accordance with the terms of, and authority from the Director.
- (3) No person shall import useful exotic plant species including useful micro-organisms and their propagating material unless he has obtained the prior permission of the Director and the articles imported are covered by a ¹["Phytosanitary certificate"]

13. JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF ²["PLANT QUARANTINE ORRICER"]

(1) Where on inspection, any imported plant or ³[" plant products"] is found to be infested or infected with any plant pests or diseases the plant or ³[" plants products"] and containers there of shall be destroyed in the presence of the plant Quarantine Officer or returned to the shipper after treatment, at the discretion of the Director, and where any carrier is found to be infested with any pests or is suspected to be so infested, it shall be treated to the extent and in the manner deemed necessary by the Plant Quarantine Officer. When any such action is necessary due notice shall be given to the owner or his agent and any risks associated with such treatment shall be the responsibility of the owner.

(2) No person shall obstruct an Officer of the Department in the due discharge of his duties; and no person shall refuse to permit the making of any examination required under these rules or refuse to carry out the instructions of an Officer relative to the effective control of any insect pests and diseases.

¹ Subs. for the words 'Official certificate' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪-আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for the word ' Quarantine Officer'

³ Subs. for the word ' plant material'.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OR PROHIBITIONS

14. POTATO : (*Solanum tuberosum*)

(1) Potatoes shall not be imported into ¹[" Bangladesh "] by any means from any country, where the three serious pests, namely, Black wart (*Synchytrium endobioticum*), Golden Nematode (²["*Globodera*"] *rostochiensis*), Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*) , have either been prevalent or reported to have occurred unless they are accompanied by ³ [" Phytosanitary certificate"] from the country of origin declaring that the crop from which the consignment is derived was not grown in the vicinity of unhealthy potato crops and was inspected by a duly authorised official of phytopathological service of the country of origin and found free from all injurious insects pests and diseases and that ⁴["no case of occurrence of the insect"] and diseases mentioned above was recorded within ⁵ [" 5 kilometers"] radius of the place where the potato crop was grown during the past twelve months.

(2) In order to guard against the importation of the pests and diseases mentioned in sub-rule. (1) the Director shall take the following precautions, namely:-

(a) as far as possible , import ⁶["* * * * "] of seed potatoes resistant to wart disease shall be permitted;

(b) the importation of seed potatoes shall be permitted from those countries where the aforesaid pests and diseases are not present;

⁷["(c) permit import of seed potatoes certified by phytopathological service of the exporting country to have been produced in areas within the country free from all pests and diseases specially mentioned in sub-rule (1)"]

(d) seed consignments should be free from shoots, leaves, roots and soil sticking to tubers;

(e) import of potato seeds should be restricted only to certified seed free from virus diseases except virus x, and

(f) import of shoots, roots, leaves and green parts of potato shall not be imported ;

¹ Subs. for the words 'Pakistan' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for 'Heterodera'

³ Subs. For 'Official certificate'

⁴ Subs. for 'no case of the insect pest'

⁵ Subs. for '2 kilometers'

⁶ Omitted the word 'only'

⁷ Subs.

15. RUBBER: (*Hevea brasiliensis*)

- (1) Any plant of the genus *Hevea* shall not be imported into ¹["Bangladesh"] , unless:-
- (a) The importation is made for scientific purposes:
- (b) written permission has been granted for each consignment of plants by ²["Director"] and importation is in accordance with such special conditions as may be imposed by the Director
- ³["* * *"] in granting such permission;
- (c) the plant has been disinfected and freed of any original soil in the country of origin and is free from pests and diseases, and consignment of plants is accompanied or covered by a ⁴["Phytosanitary Certificate"] specifying clearly that the above requirements have been fulfilled ; and each consignment is addressed to the Director or any person authorized by him
- (2) The importation into ¹["Bangladesh"] at any plant of the genus *Hevea* capable of further growth or propagation (excluding seed) is prohibited from the American tropics or from any other country in which South American leaf blight ⁵["*Microcyclus ulei*"] is present, unless, in addition to the requirements of sub-rule (1), such plant has been grown for an adequate period at a ⁶["Post entry quarantine "] for *Hevea* at a place approved by the Director and situated outside the American tropics and any other country in which south American leaf blight ⁵["*Microcyclus ulei*"] is present, and each consignment of such plants is accompanied or covered by a ⁴["Phytosanitary certificate"] to the effect that the above requirements have been fulfilled, and signed by the Officer-in-charge for such quarantine station.

¹ Subs. for 'Pakistan' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for 'Department'

³ Omitted the words ' or the Quarantine Entomologist'

⁴ Subs. for the words 'Official Certificate.'

⁵ Subs. for '*Dothidella ulei*'

⁶ Subs. for 'Plant Quarantine Station'

- (3) The importation into ¹[" Bangladesh "] of any such seed of any plant of the genus *Hevea* is prohibited from the American tropics or from any other country in which South American leaf blight ²[" *Microcyclus ulei*"] is present unless, in addition to the requirements of sub-rule (1), such seed, having been examined and again disinfected at a place approved by the Director and situated outside the American tropics and any other country in which South American leaf blight ²["*Microcyclus ulei*"] is present, has been repacked with new packing materials in new containers, and unless each consignment of such seed is accompanied or covered by a ³[" Phytosanitary certificate"] to the effect that the above requirements have been fulfilled and signed by the officer-in-charge of these operations.
- (4) The importation in ¹["Bangladesh"] of any plant or ⁴["plant product"] of the genus *Hevea* not capable of further growth or propagation (such as fresh or dried herbarium specimens is prohibited, unless, in addition to the requirements of clause (a),(b) and (d) of sub-rule(1) the Director is satisfied that such plant or ⁴["plant products"] is required for a legitimate special purpose and that such plant or ⁴["plant product"] has been sterilized in the country of origin by a method satisfactory to the Director.
- (5) The importation into ¹[" Bangladesh"] of any plant or ⁴["plant product"] other than the genus *Hevea* capable of further growth or propagation and originating in the American tropics or in any other country in which South American leaf blight ³["*Microcyclus ulei*"] is present , is prohibited unless written permission has been granted for each consignment of such plant or ⁴["plant products"] by the Director and the importation is in accordance with such special conditions as may be imposed by the Director in granting such permission.

¹ Subs. for 'Pakistan' by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for '*Dothidella ulei*'

³ Subs. for 'Official Certificate.'

⁴ Subs. for 'Plant material'.

- ¹[(6) The importer shall ensure that any plant of the genus *Hevea* imported for further growth or propagation is grown under controlled conditions and supervision of plant quarantine officer for such period as will ensure that it is free from all pests and diseases before large scale plantation.
- (7) All budwood and other propagating materials of the genus *Hevea* shall be treated with such fungicide as may be specified by the Director before shipment".]
- (8) All the imported propagating materials not used for budding and the packing material imported with it shall be destroyed by burning.
- ²[(9) The importation of any plants or plant products, seed budwood, budded stump of the genus *Hevea* from a country where *Phytophthora botryosa* is known to occur is prohibited unless, in addition to the fulfillment of the requirements under sub-rule (1), the accompanying Phytosanitary certificate declares that the propagating materials have been collected from areas or plantations or nurseries which had been regularly inspected by duly authorized officials of the Phytopathological service of the country and were found free from *Phytophthora botryosa*."]

¹ Subs. for sub-rule (6) & (7) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Inserted

16. SUGARCANE: (*Saccharum officinarum*)

¹[" Importation of sugarcane or sugarcane setts and sugarcane seed is prohibited from areas mentioned below where the following diseases are known to occur, namely:-

Diseases	Areas where the diseases are known to occur
(a) Sugarcane mosaic virus	Java, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba Louisiana (U.S.A.)
(b) Sugarcane Fiji disease	Queensland, New Guinea, Philippines, Jamaica, Madagascar.
(c) Pine apple disease (<i>Ceratocystis paradoxa</i>)	Java, West Indies, Hawaii, France
(d) Sereh disease	West Java, India, Australia, Formosa, Hawaii, West Indies.
(e) Ratoon virus	Queensland, Hawaii, Philippines, India, South Africa, Rhodesia, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Peru, Taiwan, Mauritius, Louisiana, Florida, Colombia.
(f) Grassy shoot virus	India, Taiwan, Thailand.
(g) Gummosis (<i>Xanthomonas vasculorum</i>)	Brazil, Mauritius, Australia, Barbados, Madagascar, South Africa, Java, Borneo, New Guinea, British Honduras.

Provided that such importation in small quantities may be allowed by the Director subject to the following conditions, namely"]

- (i) that the importation is made for scientific purpose;
- (ii) that the imported planting material is grown at a ² [* * *] post entry quarantine station for an adequate period before release for large scale planting; and
- ³[" (iii) that the phytosanitary certificate shall bear an additional declaration to the effect that the planting material was inspected in the field and was found free from aforesaid diseases
- (iv) that the sugarcane setts shall be subject to such disinfection treatment as may be prescribed by the Director before shipment."]

¹ Subs. by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Omitted the word 'recognised'

³ Subs. for clause (iii)

1[" 17. TOBACCO: (*Nicotiana tabacum*)

Unmanufactured tobacco, raw or cured, shall not be imported into Bangladesh unless the accompanying Phytosanitary Certificate bears an additional declaration that the tobacco consignment is free from tobacco moth, *Ephestia elutella* and that the pest does not exist in the country of origin.

Seeds shall be accompanied by the usual phytosanitary certificate which shall declare that the seeds have been treated with appropriate fungicide specified by the Director before shipment. The import of tobacco seedlings is strictly prohibited"]

18. CITRUS PLANTS: (*Citrus sp.*)

Citrus plants and cuttings shall not be imported into

²[" Bangladesh"] unless, in addition to the general requirements under rules 3 to 6, the following conditions are fulfilled:-

(i) the importation is made for scientific purposes;

(ii) the imported plants or cuttings are grown at a ³ [* * *] post entry quarantine station for a period adequate to ensure their freedom from virus diseases; and

(iii) The usual ⁴ [" Phytosanitary certificate"] bears an additional declaration to the effect that the plants are free from *Malsecco* caused by *Deuterophoma tracheiphila* and that the disease does not exist in the country in which they are grown.

¹ Subs. by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

² Subs. for the word. "Pakistan"

³ Omitted the word " recognised"

⁴ Subs. for the words "Official certificate"

¹" 19. COFFEE (*Coffea arabica*)

The import of coffee propagating material is restricted to coffee seeds only, limited to small quantities not exceeding one kilogram in one consignment for scientific purpose. The import of coffee seeds or beans may be made from countries where coffee rust (*Hemileia vastatrix*) and coffee borer (*Stephanoderes hampai*) do not exist and the seeds are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. The import of coffee seeds from Central and South American and the Carribean is prohibited due to the presence of American Leaf spot caused by *Mycena citricolor* (*Omphalia flavida*);

Provided that the provisions of this rule shall not apply to roasted and ground coffee.

20. BANANA (*Musa sapientum*)

Import of vegetable planting material of banana from Central and South America and the Carribean and from South India is strictly prohibited due to the presence of Moko disease (*Pseudomonas solanacearum*) in it.

Banana vegetable planting material may be imported from other countries in small quantities for scientific purpose only under valid phytosanitary certificate stating that the planting material is free from root nematode (*Radophilus similis*) and black leaf streak (*Mycosphaerella fijiensis*). While importing, the outer corm tissues shall be removed until clean tissues are exposed. This planting material shall be treated in hot water at 55⁰ C for 20 minutes before its mandatory growth in post-entry quarantine.

Import of large quantities of planting material shall not be allowed""¹

¹ Subs. for Rule (19), (20) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

¹ [" 21. COCONUT (*Cocos nucifera*)

(1) Importation of coconut plant or plant products is prohibited from areas mentioned below where the following diseases or other diseases of obscure origin are known to occur, namely:-

Diseases	Areas where the diseases are known to occur
(a) Red Ring (<i>Rhadinaphelenchus cocophilus</i>)	Caribbean area (Central and South America).
(b) Lethal Yellowing	Jamaica, Haiti, Florida.
(c) Kaincope	Ghana, Togoland.
(d) Cadang Cadang	Philippines.
(e) Bronze Leaf Wilt	Guayana, West Indies
(f) Root Wilt	South India
(g) Guam Coconut	Guam
(h) Coconut Wilt	Malaysia
(i) Leaf Scorch	Sri Lanka
(j) Tatipaka	Andhra Pradesh, India.

(2) Importation of coconut plant or plant products from other countries may be made subject to the following conditions, namely:-

¹ importation of coconut shall, under permit, be made only in small quantities not exceeding 100 nuts per consignment, restricted to unsprouted nuts from which the perianth has been removed.

The seed nuts shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate from the authority concerned in the country of origin, stating that the seeds come from trees showing no sign of any diseases mentioned above.

Upon arrival, the seeds shall be fumigated or treated by any other method considered appropriate by the Director to remove the risk of introducing insects.

The imported seed nuts shall be planted in individual containers in post entry quarantine for a period of two years. Any disease detected during post entry quarantine in the seedling shall be burnt together with containers and planting media."

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¹[" 22. GROUNDNUT (*Arachis hypogaea*)

Importation of groundnut seed from western hemisphere Africa, Australia, USSR, and China and such other groundnut growing countries of Asia as may be specified by the Director, from time to time, is prohibited to prevent the introduction of groundnut rust caused by *Puccinia arachidis*. Importation of decorticated seeds may be allowed under permit, from countries the importation of groundnut seeds from which is not prohibited if the decorticated seeds are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate stating that the seeds had been collected from areas where the groundnut rust (*Puccinia arachidis*), scab (*Sphaceloma arachidis*) and groundnut leaf mosaic virus did not exist.

23. MAIZE (*Zea mays*)-

(1) Importation of maize seeds from North, Central and South America as well as Continental Europe, USSR and China is prohibited due to the presence of Bacterial wilt, Bacterial Leaf blight or Stewart's disease caused by *Erwinia stewartii*. Seed material from countries other than those mentioned above may be allowed if accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the crop was not infected with Downy Mildew caused by any of the following strains of pathogen:—

- (i) *Sclerospora philippensis*;
- (ii) *Sclerospora sacchari*;
- (iii) *Sclerospora maydis*;
- (iv) *Sclerophthora rayssiae* var *zeae*

(2) Each consignment of maize seeds shall be subject to inspection, fumigation, treatment and post entry quarantine before release.

(3) Import of maize plant and seedlings is prohibited.

24. Tea (*Camellia sinensis*)-

The importation of tea vegetative materials is prohibited from any country or area where the phloem necrosis virus disease exists. Tea seeds may be imported only under permit and shall be accompanied by a Phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds have been collected from areas where phloem necrosis virus is not known to occur.]

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¹[25. *ALLIUM* Spp

Seeds of - *Allium* spp. that is Onion (*Allium cepae*), Shallot, Leek (*A. ampelopreasum* var *perrum*), Gay chive (*A. schoenoprasum*) and Garlic (*A. sativum*) may be imported if accompanied by phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from onion smut caused by *Urocystis cepulae* and stem nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*).

(2) The plant and bulbs of onion, garlic , shallot, leek and gay chive shall not imported unless they are certified by the competent authority in the country of origin to be free from leaf tip die back (*Mycosphaerella schoenoprasii*) and stem nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*)

26. COCOA (*Theobroma cacao*) and *Theobroma* sp.

Cocoa and other *Theobroma* sp. (including seed in the unmanufactured state) may be imported in small quantities for research and propagation by Government controlled institutions only from countries other than Africa, West Indies and Sri Lanka. The consignment shall bear a declaration as to the origin of the plants and be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that they were inspected and found free from pod rot (*Monilia roreri*), mealy pod (*Trachysphaera fructigena*) and Witches broom (*Crinipellis perniciosus*) (formerly known as *Marasmius perniciosus*) and that swollen shoot and other virus diseases do not occur in the country of origin. Plants are subject to inspection and fumigation are the prescribed point of entry and to post entry quarantine .

27. SOIL AND SOIL ROOTED PLANTS.

The importation of soil or soil rooted plants or any other unsterilized rooting media, such as, compost, humus or forest litter capable of carrying pathogens is prohibited. Plant roots shall be free from soil, thoroughly washed and packed in sphagnum, moss, vermiculite, sawdust or similar inert material before export.

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¹[28: COTTON (*Gossypium spp*)

(1) **Cotton seed-** Cotton seed shall not be imported from western hemisphere and Africa except for experimental purposes by appropriate authority under a valid permit from the Director. The seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and shall not be imported in quantities exceeding 500 grams in weight in any one consignment and shall be examined and fumigated. The accompanying phytosanitary certificate shall , in addition, declare that the seed and its container have been treated in such a way as to destroy all insect life.

(2) **Raw cotton-**

- (a) Unginned cotton shall not be imported.
- (b) No cotton shall be allowed to be imported except under a permit from the Director nor shall it be so imported unless it fulfils the following conditions :—
 - (i) On or before the departure of a ship carrying a consignment of raw cotton for Chittagong Port or Port of Mongla from the port from where the cotton is consigned, the consignee or shipper shall ascertain the probable date of arrival of the ship at Chittagong Port or Port of Mongla and number of bales contained in the consignment and shall furnish this information to the Director not less than 21 days before the arrival of the ship at Chittagong Port or Port of Mongla;
 - (ii) No vessel carrying American cotton or any other cotton shall enter into the territorial water of Bangladesh without any Anchorage Permit from the Director in Form No. IV for which an application shall be made to the Director at least fourteen days before the expected date of arrival of the vessel;
 - (iii) In case of American cotton arriving at Chittagong Port or Port of Mongla the hatches of the ships shall be opened in presence of Plant Quarantine Officer for inspection and disinfection before discharging. The cotton shall thereafter be fumigated by Plant Quarantine Officer in a space within the port protected area provided by the port authority and approved by the Director;
 - (iv) No vessel shall discharge American cotton during a period of rain, mist or drizzle;]

¹ Subs. for rule 28 by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

- ¹[" (v) Cotton other than American cotton, which is imported in a vessel carrying any bale or bales of American cotton shall be deemed to have been in contact therewith and shall be treated as American cotton and shall be subjected to the restrictions and conditions specified in these rules;
- (vi) Any raw cotton other than American cotton imported without valid import permit from the Director and Phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin or with valid import permit from the Director but without phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin shall be subjected to fumigation before release ;
- (3) Samples of American cotton imported by parcel post or as ship or air parcel, not exceeding 10 kilogram per parcel in weight shall be handed over to Plant Quarantine Officer by the postal authority for examination and fumigation before release.
- (4) Transit movement or transshipment of American cotton is permitted if shipments are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and are so packed that insect cannot enter or escape. For the purpose of transshipment, if a part or whole of the consignment requires discharge within the port site or barges, the consignment shall be subjected to restrictions and conditions specified in these rules.
- (5) Cotton fabrics carried in the same vessel with American cotton shall be subjected to disinfection and fumigation as specified in these rules before release."]

²[" 28A PEARL MILLETS (*Pennisetum americanum*).

The Phytosanitary certificate shall declare that the seeds were collected from an area where the following diseases were not known to occur:—

- (i) Downy mildew (*Sclerospora graminicola*)
- (ii) Rust (*Puccinia substriata*)
- (iii) Ergot (*Claviceps fusiformis*)

Each consignment of seed shall be subject to inspection fumigation and treatment and post-entry quarantine before release.]

¹ Subs. for Rule '28' clause (v) and (vi) and sub-rule (3),(4)&(5) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ইং।

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¹ [" 28B. Rice (*Oryza sativa*)-

Importation of rice seed from Mexico, USA, British Honduras, Cuba, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, El-Salvador, Colombia, Surinam and Venezuela is prohibited.

Small quantities of rice seed shall be allowed to be imported exclusively for scientific purpose only subject to treatment and observation for one growing season in post-entry quarantine. Such seed sample shall carry phytosanitary certificate stating that the Hoza Blanka disease or the occurrence of that disease had not been noticed in the fields from where the seeds were collected.

Importation of rice in bulk quantities for consumption shall be made in the same manner and in accordance with the provision of rules 5 and 8.

28C. SORGHUM (*Sorghum vulgare*)-

Small quantity of sorghum seed may be imported under a phytosanitary certificate stating that they were collected from fields which had been regularly inspected during growing season and were found to be free from infection of bacterial blight caused by *Pseudomonas andropogonis* and bacterial streak caused by *Xanthomonas holcicola*. The seeds shall be subjected to inspection, fumigation and treatment and post entry quarantine before release.

28D. WHEAT (*Triticum* spp.)-

Importation of wheat seed in bulk from countries where the following diseases or any other disease of obscure origin are known to occur is prohibited, namely:-

Diseases	Countries where the disease are known to occur
(i) Powdery mildew, <i>Erysiphe graminis</i>	USA, Canada, Europe, Australia and India.
(ii) Yellow ear rot, <i>Anguina tritici</i> <i>Corynebacterium tritici</i>	Egypt, India, Australia and China.
(iii) Septoria Leaf Blotch: <i>Septoria tritici</i> Leaf blight: <i>Alternaria trititica</i>	USA, USSR, UK, China, Australia, Pakistan and India. India
(iv) Molya disease: <i>Heterodera avenae</i> Canary grass: <i>Phalaris minor</i>	India India"]

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¹ Provided that importation of wheat seed from such countries may be allowed for seed purposes under import permit granted by the Director, subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions, namely:—

- (a) the field where the crop is grown and from which the seeds are collected shall be regularly inspected by Plant Quarantine Officer of Bangladesh in collaboration with phytopathological service and seed certification agency of the supplying country throughout the entire growing period till harvest of the crop. Seeds shall be procured only from the fields where no incidence of above diseases has been observed;
- (b) screening cleaning, grading and other relevant tests of the seeds like moisture content and viability shall be conducted in presence of Plant Quarantine Officer of Bangladesh and shall be certified by National Seed Certification Agency and also by plant quarantine service of the country of origin stating that the seeds are free from all injurious pests and diseases including the above;
- (c) the seeds, if in the opinion of Plant Quarantine Officer need to be fumigated or disinfected, shall be fumigated or disinfected in the presence of Plant Quarantine Officer before shipment.
- (d) before loading, the ship's holds shall be thoroughly cleaned and fumigated ,if required , in presence of Plant Quarantine Officer who shall , after loading, finally seal the hatches. The ship carrying seed consignment shall not be allowed to carry any other merchandise which, in the opinion of Plant Quarantine Officer, might harbour storage pest ;
- (e) all travelling expenses of Plant Quarantine Officers, including the expenditure during the period of their stay abroad, such as, food, board and medical expenses shall be arranged either by importer, shipper or financier.

28 E. *Crysanthemum* (*Crysanthemum* spp)-

Importation of plants, flowers, bulbs and vegetative materials of any *Crysanthemum* spp. into Bangladesh is absolutely prohibited."]

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¹[" 28 F. ORCHID (Orchidaceae family)

(1) Any plant of Orchidaceae family may be imported in limited quantities as seed, seedlings or meristem culture grown in sterile media. This shall be free from soil and packed in certified sterile media duly accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the plants are free from the following diseases and the phytosanitary certificate shall in addition declare that the mother plants from which the tissue has been obtained were indexed for the following virus diseases and that these diseases were not present in the nursery:-

- (i) Bacterial rot (*Erwinia cyripedii*) ;
- (ii) Cymbidium mosaic virus ;
- (iii) Cattely flower break virus.

(2) The orchid plants shall be subjected to post entry quarantine observation before release.

28 G. ORNAMENTAL PLANTS.-

Vegetative and propagative materials of ornamental plants may be imported in small quantities, free from soil and packed in sterile media, duly accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. The consignment shall be subjected to post entry quarantine before release.

28 H. SUNFLOWER (*Helianthus annuus*)-

(1) The phytosanitary certificate accompanying the sunflower seeds shall declare that the seeds are free from Downy mildew caused by *Plasmopara halstedii* and mosaic virus disease, The Phytosanitary certificate shall further state that the seeds were collected from fields where no incidence of Downy mildew and Mosaic virus was recorded during the last growing season.

The consignment shall be subjected to post entry quarantine before release .

28 I. FOREST TREE SEEDS-

(1) Seeds of forest trees may be imported in limited quantities for the purpose of research or propagation by Forest Research Authorities accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds were free from insect pest and diseases. The seeds shall be free from extraneous materials and shall be fumigated or treated with appropriate fungicide before shipment.

(2) The consignment shall be subjected to post entry quarantine observation."]

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¹["28 J. FORESTRY PRODUCT-

(1) The importation of the forestry products, namely, logs posts, poles, railway ties, cardwood, slabwood lumber (with bark) and christmas trees shall be made under a valid import permit from the Director. The consignment shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which shall, in addition, declare that the forestry products are free from Gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*).

(2) For pine (*Pinus* sp.) Larch (*larix* sp), Spruce (*Picea* sp.) and Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga* sp.) with twig and branches, the phytosanitary certificate shall, in addition to the declaration under sub-rule (1), state that the trees were free from Scleroderris canker disease (*Gremmeniella abietina*).

(3) For Oak tree (*Quercis* sp.), The consignment shall be kiln dried and free from bark and the accompanying phytosanitary certificate shall, in addition to the declaration under sub-rule (I), state that the area or areas from where the oak tree was harvested were free from oak wilt diseases (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*).

28 K. FRUITS; Fresh Fruits-

(1) Fresh fruits, namely-apple (*Malus sylvestris*), pear (*Pyrus* sp), Peach (*Prunus persica*), oranges (*Citrus* sp), Grapesw (*Vitis* sp.) mangoes (*Mangifera indica*) and banana (*Musa* sp.) shall not be imported unless, in addition to the compliance with the provisions of rules 5 and 8, the fruits are certified to have been fumigated by plant quarantine service of the country of origin to eliminate fruit flies and scale insects.

(2) Dry fruits, namely-raisins (*Vities* sp.) almond (*Prunus amygdalus*), date (*Phoenix* sp.), apricot (*Prunus armeniaca*), monacca (*Vities* sp.) alobokhara and pesta (*Pista vera*), shall be imported in accordance with the provisions of rules 5 & 8.

28 L. MANGO PLANTS AND SEEDS (*Mangifera indica*)-

Importation of mango plants and seeds in sterile media is allowed. The phytosanitary certificate accompanying the consignment shall declare that the following pest and disease are not present in the nursery:—

(i) Woody gall; (ii) Scaly bugs.

28 M. GRASS SEED-

(1) Importation of grass seeds and grass vegetative materials (in case of hybrid cultivars) is strictly prohibited except under special circumstances and under a valid permit issued in the Director, in small quantities. The seeds and vegetative materials shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds and vegetative materials are free from diseases of *Clavicepss* sp. *Helminthosporium* sp. *Fusarium* sp. And *Erwinia rathayi*.

(2) The seeds shall be properly fumigated with appropriate fumigant as specified by the Director before shipment.]

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¹28 N. LUCERN (*Medicago sativa*)-

Importation of Lucern seed is prohibited from Brazil, Chile, Mexico, USSR or any other country where Bacterial Wilt (*Corynebacterium michigenense*), Verticillium Wilt (*Verticillium alboatrum*) and Alfalfa mosaic virus was noticed during the last cycles of vegetation. The consignment shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from stem nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*).

28 O. OIL PALM (*Elaeis guineensis*)-

(1) Seeds including germinated seeds may be allowed to be imported under a permit from the Director and the consignment shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds were collected from areas where the following diseases or other diseases of obscure origin are not known to occur:-

- (i) Lethal Yellowing;
- (ii) Kaincope;
- (iii) Cadang Cadang;
- (iv) Bronze Leaf wilt;
- (v) Coconut Wilt.

28 P. SOYBEAN (*Glycine max*).

(1) Soybean seeds shall be allowed to be imported and the consignment thereof shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate declaring that the seeds are free from the following pests and diseases:—

- (i) Soybean mosaic virus;
- (ii) Tobacco ring spot virus;
- (iii) Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Globodera glycine*).

(1) Soybean seeds shall be subjected to post entry quarantine before release .

28 Q. CHILLI (*Capsicum annum*)-

The Chilli seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds have been collected from strand free from Chilli mosaic virus and anthracnose (*Colletotrichum tematium*).

28 R. PEPPER (*Piper Sp.*)

The importation of pepper plant and vegetative materials is prohibited. Only seeds of pepper may be imported , if they are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate .The seeds shall be subjected to post-entry quarantine before release".

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¹[28 S. OTHER SPICES.-

All dry spices for consumption namely—

Cinnamon (*Cinnamomum cassia*, *C. zaylanicum* and other *Cinnamomum* sp.), Cumin (*Cuminum cyminum*), Coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*), Cardamom (*Elettaria cardamomum*), Chilli (*Capsicum* sp.) and Turmeric may be imported under a permit form the Director and in accordance with the provision of rules 5 and 8.

28 T. VEGETABLE SEEDS.-

Importation of vegetable seeds is restricted to variety or hybrids only which have been recommended by National Seed Board or any other competent authority. Importation of such seeds shall be made crop wise in limited quantities subject to the fulfillment of condition outlined below and shall be subjected to inspection, fumigation and treatment and post-entry quarantine before release:—

(1) BEET (*Beta vulgaris*)-

The seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from Root rot caused by *Phoma beta* and Beet rust (*Uromyces betae*)

(2) CABBAGE AND CAULIFLOWER (*Brassica oleraceae*)

Seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from Black leg disease, caused by *Phoma lingam*. The Phytosanitary certificate shall also declare that the seeds are free from *Alternaria circinaus* and *A. herculae*.

(3) CUCUMBER (*Cucumis sativa*)-

The seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from Black stem rot caused by *Mycosphaerella melonis* and Cucumber Mosaic virus .

(4) LETTUCE (*Lettuce sativa*)

Seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from Lettuce Mosaic virus.

(5) PEA (*Pisum sativum*)-

The seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from Bacterial blight (*Pseudomonas syringae*) and that the seeds were taken from crop grown in an area where Bacterial blight has not been known to occur during the last growing period"].

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¹["(6) TOMATO (*Lycopersicon esculentum*).

The seeds shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds are free from the following diseases:—

- (i) Tomato canker caused by *Deplodina lycopersici*;
- (ii) Bacterial canker caused by *Corynebacterium michiganense*.

The phytosanitary certificate shall, in addition, declare that the seeds were taken from plants which were not attacked with Tomato bunchy top or potato spindle tuber viroid and no occurrence of this viroid was noticed in the vicinity of area where they were grown.

28 U. SWEET POTATO (*Ipomoea batatas*)-

Importation of vegetative planting material (including root) of sweet potato is strictly prohibited, but seeds of such material in small quantities may be allowed for scientific purpose if accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the seeds were collected from fields where stem rot wilt (*Fusarium oxysporum*) root rot (*Plenodomus destruens*) or white rust (*Gleosporium ipomoeae*) did not occur and the growing crop was found to be free from the following diseases:—

- (i) Sweet potato dwarf;
- (ii) Sweet potato internal cork;
- (iii) Sweet potato feathery mottle;
- (iv) Sweet potato Russet crack.

28 V. OTHER PLANT PRODUCTS: BETEL NUTS (*Areca catechu*).

(1) Betelnut (whole or split) may be allowed to be imported under an import permit from the Director and in accordance with the provisions of rules 5&8.

(2) Any other plant or plant products not falling in the purview of prohibition or restrictions under these rules shall be guided by the procedures laid down in rules 3,4,5,6 and 8.]

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¹[" 28 W. SILK WORM EGGS (*Bombyx mori*)-

Silk worm eggs shall be allowed to be imported for scientific and industrial purpose under permit from the Director, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:—

- (a) phytosanitary certificate accompanying the eggs shall state that the eggs were collected from healthy stock and free from pebrine disease and also free from Muscardine spores (*Botrytis bassiana*);
- (b) the specimen shall be properly packed and labelled .

28 X. FOOD GRAIN.-

(1) Importation of food grain in bulk, namely, rice, wheat pulses, dry chillies and oil seeds by Government, local authorities or private entrepreneurs against barter deal, grant or purchase shall be made under a permit from the Director and as per conditions laid down therein:

Provided that the importer or shipping agency shall notify the arrival of the carrier to the Director and, in case of ship, shall obtain anchorage permit from the Director in Form-iii A.

(2) The Discharge of such commodities shall be subject to the clearance by the Plant Quarantine Officer after necessary examination, fumigation and treatment, if necessary , at the cost of the consignee.

28 Y. Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules relating to importation, the Director may at any time prohibit or restrict the importation of any plant and plant products which , in his opinion, may be source of infection or infestation to plants and may, in the case of an emergency, waive, alter or modify any condition relating to such importation."

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¹["29. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATE OF PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT.-

(1) Every person who intends to export plants and plant products shall submit an application in Form-IVA to the Director or Plant Quarantine Officer concerned for inspection of plants or plant products before shipment thereof. The application shall be made at least a day before the shipment in case of perishable goods and fifteen days in case of non-perishable goods so as to allow proper inspection and treatment (if required) and certification.

(2) If the plant or plant product is found, upon inspection to be free from injurious insect and plant diseases, a phytosanitary certificate in Form V shall be issued by the Director or Plant Quarantine Officer, as the case may be, to the exporter to accompany the shipment.

(3) No phytosanitary certificate shall be granted for any plant or plant product which has been taken from or mixed with other plants or plant products which are diseased or infested.

(4) No Phytosanitary certificate shall be granted for any plant or plant product, intended for shipment to a country in which its entrance is absolutely prohibited.

(5) For the purpose of inspection, fumigation or destruction of plant or plant product, the required conveyance and other related expenses shall be provided or borne by the exporter.

(6) All risks or damages of any kind associated with , or resulting from fumigation or other treatment shall devolve in the exporter."

¹ Subs. for Rule (29), (30), & (31) by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

32. The list of officer authorized to inspect and grant the 1 [“ Phytosanitary Certificate”] is at Form V1.

2 [“32 A. INSPECTION OF SHIP'S CONTAINER.-

(1) The shipping agent of a ship carrying plants or plant products shall supply the shipping manifest to the Plant Quarantine Officer at least fourteen days before the arrival of the ship. On arrival of the ship, containers loaded with cargoes of plant origin which are likely to carry or harbour pests, shall be examined by the Plant Quarantine Officer who shall render treatment, if necessary, to the containers to ensure complete annihilation of all pests and to stop their spread inside the country. All expenses pertaining to such treatment shall be borne by the shipping agent concerned at such rate as may be fixed by the Director.

(2) The port authority of Chittagong port and the port of Mongla shall notify to the Plant Quarantine Officer the arrival of ships carrying passengers and cargoes of plant origin and the Plant Quarantine Officer shall accompany the berthing team as a member of the Berthing Committee and shall, on the basis of the shipping manifest, examine the plants and plant products accompanying the passengers and cargoes of plant origin and shall adopt such measures as may be deemed appropriate to stop spread or dissemination of pests from the ships.

(3) The Plant Quarantine Officer shall also inspect the pantry and store room of food materials and shall keep the store sealed till such times as the ship is ready for sail. During the period of stay of the ship at the port, necessary food provision shall be made available for consumption of the crew in a separate well protected store room so that no pest can escape.

(4) No container with dunnage or loaded with plant or plant product shall be allowed to move outside the protected area of the port without a written permission of Plant Quarantine Officer in Form-VII.

(5) No person, agency, firm, organization or institution other than the Plant Quarantine Officer of the Department shall make such inspection and render such treatment. Any such inspection made or treatment done and any certificate issued to that effect except by the Plant Quarantine Officer shall be illegal and shall be liable to punishment specified in section 5(2) of the Act.

1 Subs. for the words “Official certificate” by notification

2. Inserted.

1[“32. B. Validity of phytosanitary certificate.- (1) The plant and plant product for which a phytosanitary certificate has been issued shall be shipped within fifteen days from the date of inspection in case of non-perishable goods and twenty four hours in case of perishable goods, failing which the phytosanitary certificate shall be treated as not valid. In such case the authority issuing the phytosanitary certificate shall not be held responsible for any objection raised or if the phytosanitary certificate is dishonored by the importing country . In case the plant or plant product is shipped after the expiry of the period specified and re-examination shall be done by the concerned Plant Quarantine Officer after physically examining the plant or Plant product lying abroad. All expenses for travel of the Plant Quarantine Officer to the place of inspection abroad and back shall be borne by the exporter .

(2) If the plant or plant product in respect of which a phytosanitary certificate has been issued has not been shipped within the period specified, a phytosanitary certificate by Plant Quarantine Officer shall be required. A fresh application from the exporter for the issuance of the new phytosanitary certificate shall be necessary and the plant Quarantine Officer concerned shall, after inspection of the plant or plant product and realization of necessary fee, issue such certificate.

“32.C REISSUANCE OF PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE IN CASE OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.-

Phytosanitary certificate once issued is lost or damaged, the exporter shall make an affidavit in the court of Magistrate of the first class to that effect stating clearly the circumstances under which it has been lost or damaged and shall apply to the concerned Plant Quarantine Officer, after paying a fine of one hundred taka in the Government. Treasury under the code no -1- 4331-0000-2043 for reissuance of a phytosanitary certificate after cancelling the phytosanitary certificate lost or damaged. An application for re-issuance of a Phytosanitary certificate under this rule shall be made within the validity period of the previous certificate and before shipment of the plants or plant products.

1 Inserted by notification

33. 1[“ **PLANT PRODUCTS**”] **IN TRANSIT:**

(1) The provisions of these rules shall also apply to plants or plant products under transit through Bangladesh by land, air or sea and the plant or plant product in transit shall not be removed from the carrier except with the permission of the Director; and, in case of any plant or plant product the entry of which into Bangladesh is prohibited or restricted, the Director may order the detention, treatment or destruction of such plant or plant product in transit or its return to its sender by such means as he may approve.

(2) The shipments and consignments must however, be accompanied by Phytosanitary certificate issued by the Plant Quarantine authority from the country of origin and shall be so packed that there are no chances of any insect pests and diseases escaping from the packages or the containers.

5[“ **MISCELLANEOUS**”]

5[“34. **PAYMENT OF FEES AND PLANT QUARANTINE CHARGES:-**

Importers and exporters of plant and plant products shall pay to the Government such charges for inspection, examination and treatment of plants and plant products and such fees for the issuance of certificates and permits under these rules as the Director may, with the approval of the Government, determine from time to time”]

1 Subs. for ‘Plant material’ by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

2 Subs. for sub-rule (1)

3 Subs. for ‘Official certificate’

4 Subs. for proper officer’

5 Inserted

¹[" 35. MEASURES IN CASE OF APPEARANCE OF EXOTIC PESTS.-

Whenever any exotic pest appears on accidental entry, in any crop field, the owner or the person in actual possession or management or control of the crop field shall immediately report it to the Director or the nearest Plant Quarantine Officer. The Director shall . on receipt of such information, adopt the following measures:—

- (a) Cordon the area where the exotic pest has erupted to stop movement of any plant and plant product from the affected area to neighbouring localities or crop fields;
- (b) adopt appropriate chemical control measure including destruction of the infested or infected crop by burning it, if, in the opinion of the Director, such action is of utmost necessity for complete eradication of the pest and for stoping its further spread within the country, at the expenses of the owner of the crop field;
- (c) the crop field so affected shall not be used for cultivation of the same variety of crop or crops of allied group for such period as may be specified by the Director; and the left over stock of planting material shall not be used for sowing and shall be confiscated and destroyed by the Director at the expenses of the owner of the crop field;
- (d) No person as owner of the crop field or in actual possession or management or control of the crop field shall resist or obstruct the Director or his authorized representative in the execution of control or eradication or destruction process mentioned in clause (a),(b) or (c) nor shall be refuse to carryout such instructions pertaining to control and eradication of pest as may be issued by the Director from time to time.

36. PENALTY-

Whoever willfully contravenes any provision of these rules or forges, counterfeits, alters or defaces any permit or certificate issued under these rules shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand taka";]

¹ Inserted by notification এস আর ও ২৭৪- আইন/৮৯, তাং ৩০ শে জুলাই, ১৯৮৯ ইং।

FORM-1
(See Rule 5)

To
The Director,
Plant Protection Wing,
Deptt. of Agricultural Extension ,
Khamarbari, Farmgate,
Dhaka-1215

Subject: Application for Import Permit to import plant or plant products.

Sir,

I hereby apply for an Import Permit to import plant or plant products as required under rule 5 of the Destructive Insect and pest Rules, 1966 (Plant Quarantine).

Necessary particulars are given below:—

1. Name of the plants / plant product :
2. Quantity :
3. Name of the exporting country :
4. Country where grown :
5. Expected date of arrival :
6. Means of transportation : By air/sea/vessel/train/truck /postal/parcel.
7. Point of entry :
8. Purpose of import :
9. Name and detailed address of importer :

Signature

(Form 'IA')
(See Rule 3 & 4)
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

Your Reference:

No.....
Khamarbari, Farmgate,
Dhaka-1215.

IMPORT PERMIT

Special Import Permit.

Permission is hereby granted to.....to import.....
grown inthrough.....

The importation will be regulated by the following conditions:-

- (1) The consignments is accompanied with Phytosanitary Certificate from the country of origin declaring the plant or plant products has been rendered free from injurious insects and pests by effective fumigation.
- (2) On arrival of the consignment it will be examined and fumigated by the technical staff of this Department stationed atand will only
be released if they are found free from diseases or plant pests otherwise the same will be destroyed.
- (3) The permit is valid for three months from the date of its issue.
- (4) Additional conditions if any:

Director/ Deputy Director
(Quarantine)

To -----

Copy to:

1. The collector of Customs, Custom House.....
2. The Quarantine Entomologist, Plant Quarantine Station,.....

(Form -II)
(See Rule 8(8))
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

No.....
Khamarbari, Farmgate,
Dhaka.

The Plant or Plant products mentioned below having been imported without the prior permission of the Director, Plant Protection Wing, Department of Agricultural Extension and unaccompanied with a valid Phytosanitary Certificate as required by the Destructive Insect and Pest Rules, 1966 is hereby order to be confiscated and destroyed.

Particulars of the plant or plant products

Consignee

Director / Deputy Director
(Quarantine)

The Collector of Customs/Joint
Collector of Customs/Asstt. Collector
of Customs / Supdt. of Customs.

Copy for information to:-

(Form-III)
(See Rule 8(5))
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

No.....P.Q. Station.....

RELEASE ORDER

The plant and plant products mentioned below have been thoroughly examined, fumigated/ treated and found free from injurious insect, pest and diseases:

They are now considered fit for release to the consignee.

Particulars of plants and plant products.

Signature

Quarantine Entomologist

To
The Collector / Joint Collector/ Deputy Collector/ Superintendent of Customs

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Copy to:-

1. Mr/ Mrs.with reference to his /their application
No.....dt.....
2. The Director, Plant Protection Wing, Department of Agricultural Extension,
Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 for information with reference to his Memo
No.....date.....

Quarantine Entomologist

(Form -III A)
(See Rule 28X(1))
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

Your Reference

No.....
Khamarbari, Farmgate,
Dhaka.
Dated.....

ANCHORAGE PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted to s.s.....expected
oncarrying.....from.....to anchor at
Chittagong/Mongla Harbour subject to the condition that the vessel will not discharge its
cargo till it is examined and if necessary, fumigated/ treated by the Plant Quarantine Officer,
Chittagong / Mongla.

Director

To

M/s.....
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Copy to:-

1. The Collector of Custom, Custom House, Chittagong.
2. The Collector of Customs and Excise, Khulna.
3. The Traffic Manager, Port of Mongla Authority, Khulna.
4. The Traffic Manager, Chittagong Port Trust, Chittagong.
5. The Quarantine Entomologist.....

(Form -IV)
See Rule 28(2)(b)(ii)
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

Your Reference

No.....
Khamarbari, Farmgate,
Dhaka.
Dated.....

ANCHORAGE PERMIT

Permission is hereby granted to the S. S.....
expected oncarrying.....raw cotton to anchor at
Mongla/Chittagong Harbour. Necessary examination/ fumigation will be conducted by the
Quarantine Entomologist Mongla/Chittagong on its arrival subject to the condition that no
vessel shall discharge raw cotton during a period of rain, mist or drizzle.

Director

To

M/s.....
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Copy to:-

1. The Collector of Custom, Custom House, Chittagong.
2. The Collector of Customs and Excise, Khulna.
3. The Traffic Manager, Port of Mongla Authority, Khulna.
4. The Traffic Manager, Chittagong Port Trust, Chittagong.
5. The Quarantine Entomologist.....

(Form -IVA)
(See Rule 29)

To

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Subject:- Application for Phytosanitary Certificate for exportable plants/plant products.

I/we hereby apply for Phytosanitary Certificate as required under Rule 29 of Destructive Insects and Pests Rules, 1966 (Plant Quarantine). Particulars of the consignment in respect of which the certificate is required are given below:-

1. Name and address of exporter
2. Name and address of consignee
3. Name of commodity
4. Quantity
5. Means of Export
6. Place of origin
7. Contract No. and date if any
8. Point of entry and name of the country to which to be exported.
9. Expected date of shipment
10. Whether fumigation/ treatment is needed
11. Distinguishing mark, if any

I/We hereby declare that the particulars given above are correct. The commodities are now lying for inspection in our godown at

Date.....

Signature of Applicant

(Form -V)
See Rule 29(2)
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

No.....
Place.....

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To the Plant Protection Organization of Date Inspection

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Description of consignment

Name and address of Exporter :
Declared Name and address of consignee :
Number and description of packages :
Distinguishing Mark :
Place of origin :
Declared means of conveyance :
Declared point of entry :
Name of produce and quantity declared :
Botanical name of plant

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This is to certify that the plants or plant products described above have been inspected according to appropriate procedure and are considered to be free from quarantine pests and practically free from other injurious pests and that they are considered to conform with the current Phytosanitary regulation of the importing country.

Disinfestation/ Disinfection

Date	Treatment
Chemical (active ingredient) :	
Duration of temperature :	
Concentration :	
Additional information :	
Additional declaration :	

Name of authorized Officer
Signature

No liability shall be attached to the Ministry of Agriculture or the Department or to any of its Officer or representative with respect to this certificate.

Form -VI
(See Rule 32)
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

List of Officers Authorized to inspect and grant the
(Phytosanitary Certificate)

- (1) Director, Plant Protection Wing, Department of Agricultural Extension.
- (2) Deputy Director (Quarantine), Department of Agricultural Extension.
- (3) Quarantine Entomologist, Department of Agricultural Extension.

Form -VII
(See Rule 32A(4))
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Extension
Plant Protection Wing
(Plant Quarantine)

No..... Plant Quarantine.....
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MOVEMENT ORDER

Container(s) No.....
.....Loaded with.....
.....Originated from.....
has/have been examined and treated/fumigated and is/are permitted to move outside the
protected area of the Seaport/Airport/ land Route of
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Quarantine Entomologist

To
The Collector/ Joint Collector/Deputy Collector/Superintendent of Customs.....
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No..... Dated.....
Copy to:

- (1) Mr.....with
reference to his /their application No.....
dated.....
- (2) Director, Plant Protection Wing, Department of Agricultural Extension for
information.

Quarantine Entomologist

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