

TRANSLATION FROM THE ICELANDIC.

REGULATION
CONCERNING SUPERVISION OF
THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS, ETC.

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Art. 1

Live plants and parts thereof with earth sticking thereto, e.g. trees, scrubs, perennial plants, vegetables with roots, bulbs, potatoes and other tubers, cabbage, plants for planting, potted plants and the like may be imported into this country only when accompanied by a certificate of health from an official institute for the supervision of plant disease in the country of origin. The certificate shall be handed to a customs official at the place of importation. Moss, water-plants, cut asparagus and edible mushrooms are exempted from these provisions. The importation of earth, plant-remains and domestic animal manure is prohibited.

Art. 2

The certificate of health shall accompany Bills of Lading and shall be issued not longer than a month prior to the despatch of the goods from the country of origin.

The certificate shall grant complete information of the following:

- (a) Number of pieces in consignment, packing, weight, mark and number.
- (b) Kind of plants and parts thereof in the consignment, stating names clearly.
- (c) Place of cultivation and name of producer and where the goods have been prepared for despatch.
- (d) Name and address of the receiver of the goods.
- (e) When the goods were despatched from the place of exportation in which manner and by which route, also name of place of importation.

- (f) That the piece of land in which the plants have been cultivated has, during that time, been subject to official supervision of plants' disease.
- (g) That the place of cultivation be free from potato-wart disease (*Synchytrium endobioticum*), potato worm (*Heterodera Scahtii*) and Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*) and be at least 5 kilometers distant from places where wart disease or potato worm have been noticed during five preceding years and at least 50 kilometers distant from places where Colorado potato beetle has been noticed during five preceding years. The certificate shall be in English, French or German (or a translation into one of these languages shall accompany it). It shall be sealed or stamped with the official seal or stamp of the institute of plant supervision concerned.

Art. 3

- (a) The Department of Agriculture of the University Research Institute is charged with the supervision of the importation of plants and parts thereof in accordance with this regulation.
- (b) When a consignment arrives in this Country the customs authority shall notify the Department of Agriculture accordingly. The Department shall consider the certificates accompanying the goods. If these are in accord with the provisions in force, the Department of Agriculture shall confirm this by endorsement and that importation of the goods be permitted. The fee for endorsement shall be 10.00 kronur in respect of each consignment. The fee shall go to the Department of Agriculture of the University Research Institute.
- (c) The Department of Agriculture may inspect the goods if reason for this is found. The importer shall render all necessary assistance at the inspection free of charge.

- (d) Should there be no certificate or should it not be in accordance with this regulation, the Department of Agriculture shall decide whether or not goods may be imported. If they do not permit importation the goods shall be sequestered on board the vessel or means of transport by which they were brought to the country and returned by it at the expense of the importer.
- (e) If the goods must unavoidably be brought ashore, they shall be returned by the first opportunity. The Department of Agriculture shall then supervise discharging, storage and return of the goods.
The Importer shall pay all costs caused by the storage and return of the goods.
- (f) If it is not found possible to return the goods as instructed in items (d) and (e), the Department of Agriculture shall have the goods destroyed at the expense of the importer.

Art. 4

The foods shall first be transported to Reykjavik for inspection. The Ministry of Agriculture may, however, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture of the University Research Institute, grant exemptions from this provision provided the supervision be continued.

Art. 5

The importation of carrots (*Daucus Carota*), parsley (*Petroselinum sativum*), celery (*Apium graveolens*), parsley (*P. hort.*), parsnips (*Pastinaca sativa*), chervil (*Anthriscus cerefolium*) and other plants of the umbelliferae (parsnip) family is permitted only if the goods be disinfected in the country of origin to prevent the introduction of the carrot-fly (*Psila rosae*) with the goods.

Art. 6

It is permissible to import bulbs and tubers of ornamental

plants from Holland and Belgium although these countries cannot satisfy the conditions of Art. 2 of this regulation, provided the following conditions be satisfied:

- (a) The goods may be imported only during the period September 1st to April 30th of each year.
- (b) The goods shall be accompanied by a certificate from an official supervision institute for plant disease in the country of origin to the effect that the goods be disinfected with D.D.T. powder or an equivalent insect poison prior to the goods being inspected and exported. The certificate shall bear the word "disinfected" together with the supervision institute's stamp.
- (c) It shall furthermore be certified that all potato fields in the area of cultivation and the environments up to a distance of at least 10 kilometers have been sprayed or powdered with arsenate or an equivalent medicine during the summer in which the bulbs or tubers in question were grown.

Art. 7

The Minister of Agriculture may, if necessary, grant the State Vegetable Monopoly exemption from the provisions of this regulation concerning the importation of potatoes and the most common kinds of vegetables in such a manner and on such conditions that may be fixed by the Ministry of Agriculture at each time, but the greatest care shall always be taken in the importation and sale of the goods.

This regulation is made in accordance with Act No. 17 May 31st, 1927 concerning precautions against the infection of crop plants, to attain validity on September 1st 1948 and is published for the guidance of all those concerned.

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