

Lebanese Republic
Ministry of Agriculture
Minister

Decision # 1/185

Certification of the fruit trees plants produced in Lebanon

The Minister of Agriculture

According to the decree # 14954 (Formation of the government)

According to the decree # 5246 dated 26/6/1994 (Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Referring to the decree #12978 dated 23/7/2004 (Related to the agreement to implement the project
“Production and Delivery of plant material in Lebanon”)

According to the decision # 1/416 dated 7/12/2007 and its amendments (Creation of the **Certification Center**)

According to the decision # 49 dated 10/2/2007 (Creation of the **Lebanese Certification Committee**)

According to the General Director interim

Decides the following

Article one

The Certification Center at the Ministry of Agriculture- Directorate of plant resources- is considered to be the only authority responsible to certify plant materials for fruit trees produced in Lebanon according to the technical protocols for certification of fruit trees issued by the certification committee mentioned in Article 4 of this decision.

Article two

Nurseryman willing to certify its product has to submit an official request to supervise its nursery, at the Certification Center -Ministry of Agriculture- in a delay no later than the 31st of October every year, making sure to provide the Certification Center at the Ministry with the following documents consecutively before the 31st of May:

- Declaration regarding the variety of rootstocks planted (Declaration #1)
- Declaration regarding the variety of buds used in grafting(Declaration #2)

Article Three

An engineer from the Certification Center (decision # 1/416, dated 7/12/2004 and its amendments) would supervise continually the nursery and decide the plants to be qualified for certification and labeled based on:

- Technical protocols for plant materials certification
- Documents presented by the nursery (article 2)
- Engineer supervision reports

Article Four

the Lebanese Certification Committee (Decision 49 dated 10/2/2007)should:

- Issue and revise when needed, the technical protocols for plant materials certification for stone fruits, pome fruits, citrus, olives, grape
- Decide to accept or refuse to certify plants, at the request of the certification center and when any uncertainty of the origin or sanitary status of the plant exist.

Article Five

The Ministry of Agriculture would provide label to certifiable plants.

Label' specification is mentioned in the attachment for the categories VF, VT, Qualified and Conform.

Article Six

The nursery should announce (By written) to the Certification Center - Ministry of Agriculture-, the date of removal of the plants in a time span of 7 days, so as to allow the engineers at the certification center to supervise all related procedures, including labeling.

Article Seven

In case of commitment any fraud by a nursery man, he will be penalized as follows:

1. He will not be supplied by the label for 1 year
2. In case of repetition of the fraud, he will not be supplied by the label for ever

Article Eight

The Technical protocols for certification of fruit trees issued by the Lebanese Certification Committee (LCC) regarding Stone fruits, Pome Fruits, Citrus, Olives and **the Label's specifications**, and **the formats** attached are an integral part of this decision.

Article Nine

This decision is to be made public and stakeholders are to be informed

Beirut, 28/5/2007

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Attached to this decision:

- The label's specifications
- Formats of the request and declarations