

## **PERMIT TO IMPORT PLANTS, PLANTING MATERIALS, PLANT PRODUCTS, SOIL/ROOTING COMPOST/GROWING MEDIA, AND BENEFICIAL ORGANISMS**

The Department of Agriculture Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak are authorised under Regulation 5 of the Plant Quarantine Regulations 1981 to issue Import Permit for plant and plant products imported into the country. The main purpose of issuing the import permit is to regulate the entry of plant and plant product for preventing the entry and spread of pests and diseases brought together by the materials imported.

### **Act/Regulation**

- i) Plant Quarantine Act 1976
- ii) Plant Quarantine Regulations 1981

### **Application**

Applications to be made on specific form as follows:-

- i) PQ 8a - Application to import planting materials for propagation and research purposes.
- ii) PQ 8b - Application to import planting materials for commercial and planting purposes.
- iii) PQ 8c - Application to import beneficial organisms/biological agents.
- iv) PQ 8d - Application to import soil/rooting compost/growing media.

Completed forms have to be submitted at least a month prior to date of import. A copy of the Import Permit has to be submitted to the exporting country for treatment and quarantine purposes.

Application for approval should be submitted to the following:-

Director General of Agriculture  
(Plant Quarantine Branch)  
Department of Agriculture  
Jalan Gallagher  
50480 Kuala Lumpur  
Tel No: 03-2983077  
Fax No: 03-2983646

### **Fee**

A processing fee of RM 15 is charged per permit

### **Clients**

Commercial nurseries, growers, importers, government agencies, research bodies, and individuals.

## Supplementary

- i) Plants or biological agents/beneficial organisms must be accompanied with Phytosanitary or Sanitary Certificate issued by authority of the country of origin not more than 14 days prior to despatch of the consignment.
- ii) The Import Permit will stipulate the entry conditions and the phytosanitary requirements.
- iii) A copy of the Import Permit must be sent to the consignor and must accompany the consignment.
- iv) One import permit is valid for one consignment only.
- v) An import permit is valid for 3 months, and can be extended for a period of one month from the date of expiry at a fee of RM5.