

**CHAPTER 211**

**BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**  
**(QUARANTINE INSPECTION AND**  
**CERTIFICATION FEES) REGULATIONS**

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- Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the
- BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
(QUARANTINE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION  
FEES) REGULATIONS.**
- Interpretation. 2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-
- “Authority” means the Belize Agricultural Health Authority established under section 3 of the Act;
- “Quarantine Officer” means an officer authorized by the Authority to carry out quarantine inspections.
- Export certification. 3. (1) Every exporter of a commercial cargo, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority a fee of BZ\$20 per hour of quarantine inspection of such cargo plus the transportation costs of the Quarantine Inspector.
- (2) Every exporter of a commercial cargo, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for the issuance of a Phytosanitary Certificate for such cargo-

Type of Cargo	Fee	BZ\$
(a) non-commercial commodities or products (either for samples, personal use or in small quantities for research) .....		10.00;
(b) commercial commodities or products amounting to less than a truck or 20 feet container load .....		20.00;
(c) commercial commodities or products amounting to more than a truck or 20 feet container load .....		100.00.

(3) The fees prescribed by subregulations (1) and (2) (c) shall be paid after the quarantine inspection but before the issuance of the Phytosanitary Certificate.

(4) The fees prescribed by subregulation (2) (a) and (b) shall be paid before the quarantine inspection.

4. (1) Every owner of a vessel, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for boarding and quarantine inspection of his vessel-

Boarding, etc., of vessels.

Type of Vessels	Fee	BZ\$
(a) cruise ships and cargo vessels .....		60.00;
(b) large yachts .....		50.00;
(c) small yachts .....		20.00;
(d) water taxis (arriving from international ports) .....		20.00.

(2) The owner of a vessel with a Belize based agent shall make payments to the nearest office of the Authority on a bi-weekly basis.

(3) The owner or a captain of a vessel without a Belize based agent shall make payments directly to the Quarantine Inspector conducting the quarantine inspection.

(4) The owner of a vessel, his authorized agent or the captain of the vessel shall also pay the transportation costs of the Quarantine Inspector, in the case of payments made under subregulation (1) (a), (b) or (c).

Boarding, etc., of aircraft.

5. (1) Every owner of an aircraft, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for boarding and quarantine inspection of his aircraft-

Type of Aircraft	Fee	BZ\$
(a) cargo aircraft (international flight) .....		100.00;
(b) passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of over fifty (50) passengers .....		50.00;
(c) passenger aircraft (international flight) with a capacity of less than fifty (50) passengers .....		30.00;
(d) small private and domestic aircraft arriving in Belize from international airports .....		10.00.

(2) The owner of an aircraft with a Belize based agent shall make payments to the nearest office of the Authority on a bi-weekly basis.

(3) The owner or pilot of an aircraft without a Belize based agent shall make payments directly to the Quarantine Inspector conducting the quarantine inspection.

6. (1) Every imported commodity or product listed in the Schedule shall be inspected by a Quarantine Inspector to determine if a Landing Permit shall be issued for the commodity or product.

Inspection of imported commodities, etc., Schedule.

(2) The importer of a commodity or product referred to in subregulation (1), or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority the following fees for the quarantine inspection-

Weight or Classification of Commodity or Product	Fee	BZ\$
(a) commodities or products with an approximate weight of one hundred (100) pounds but not exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds .....		10.00;
(b) non-regulated (low risk) commodities or products with a weight exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds .....		50.00;
(c) regulated (high risk) commodities or products with a weight exceeding one thousand (1,000) pounds .....		100.00.

(3) Where a Landing Permit is not issued for a commodity or product under subregulation (1), such commodity or product shall be confiscated, destroyed, or returned to the country of origin at the owner's expense, by the Authority.

(4) A non-governmental organization or statutory body importing a commodity or product referred to in subregulation (1) for non-commercial

purposes may appeal to the Managing Director for a waiver of the fees prescribed in subregulation (2).

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, the expression “non-commercial purposes” means the importation of commodities or products for purposes other than for sale to the general public.

7. (1) Every owner of a commodity or product listed in the Schedule and which is in transit through Belize, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority, the following fees for the quarantine inspection of such commodity or product-

Intransit commodities, etc., Schedule.

Classification of Commodity or Product	Fee	BZ\$
(a) low risk commodity or product .....		50.00 per container or vessel
(b) high risk commodity or product .....		100.00 per container or vessel.

(2) The fees prescribed by subregulation (1) shall be paid to the Authority.

(3) Every owner referred to in subregulation (1), or his authorized agent, shall also pay the other expenses of the Quarantine Officer.

(4) The expression “other expenses” referred to in subregulation (3) includes transportation, overtime, subsistence and accommodation expenses

incurred by the Quarantine Inspector during the process of travelling from the point of entry to the point of departure in Belize of the commodity or product (including the free zones).

Out of port inspections. Schedule.

8. (1) Every container or vessel, carrying any commodity or product listed in the Schedule, which needs quarantine inspection at a private warehouse or storage facility and for which Customs entry forms have been stamped "VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIRED", shall not be allowed to leave any air or sea port unless accompanied by a container application from the Authority and a Quarantine Inspector.

Schedule.

(2) The importer of a commodity or product listed in the Schedule, or his authorized agent, shall pay to the Authority a fee of BZ\$20 per hour for the inspection of such commodity or product, plus the transportation costs of the Quarantine Inspector.

(3) The fee prescribed by sub-regulation (2) shall be paid to the Authority.

Offences and penalties.

9. (1) Any passenger who makes a false declaration on a Customs Declaration Form, pertaining to the importation of plants, animals and their products and by-products, commits an offence and shall be liable to a spot fine of fifty dollars (BZ\$50).

(2) Any person who-

(a) is found in illegal possession of any plant, plant product, plant by-product, animal, animal product, animal by-product, carcass, feed, litter, dung, biologicals or similar things;

(b) breaks a quarantine seal;

(c) boards any commodity or product listed in



the Schedule in a carrier without the presence of a Quarantine Inspector; Schedule.

(d) imports into Belize any commodity or product listed in the Schedule and to which Parts VI and X of the Act does not apply, otherwise than under an import permit granted by the Authority; Schedule.

(e) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of any import permit referred to in paragraph (d),

commits an offence.

(3) Every person who commits an offence under sub-regulation (2), shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or to a period of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

10. An official receipt of the Authority shall be issued for any payment made under these Regulations. Receipt.

11. These Regulations shall come into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001. Commencement.

**MADE** by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

**(DANIEL SILVA)**  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries  
and Cooperatives

SCHEDULE  
Regulations 6, 7, 8 and 9  
COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS OF QUARANTINE  
IMPORTANCE  
PART I

<b>PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-01	VEGETABLES • Fresh	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
PH-02	FRUITS • Fresh	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
PH-03	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PROCESSED • Bottled • Dried • Canned	Sanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-04	Lumber • Raw • Timber	Debarked Import licence signed by Chief Forest Officer C.I.T.E.S. Permit where applicable Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Certificate of Treatment Inspection by Quarantine
PH-05	Plywood and other processed lumber	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate if IN TRANSIT Certificate of Origin Certificate of Treatment for container Inspection

<b>PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-06	Pottery & Wooden ornaments	Inspection
PH-07	Wooden pallets	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Treatment Inspection by Quarantine
PH-08	Wooden Furniture	Visual inspection at port of entry Certificate of Treatment Certificate of Origin
PH-09	ORNAMENTALS (cut flowers) • Living • Dried	Needs import permit from the Authority Visual inspection at port of entry Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Treatment Certificate of Origin Inspection
PH-10	HERBS & MEDICINAL PLANTS (whole) • Dried • Fresh	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-11	POPCORN • Planting	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection by Quarantine
PH-12	POPCORN • Microwave • for consumption	Inspection by Quarantine

<b>PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-13	Seeds • for sowing	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Treatment Certificate of Origin Original invoice (or copy) Inspection
PH-14	Grains • wheat • malt	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Treatment Certificate of Origin Invoice (original or copy) Inspection by Quarantine
PH-15	Grains • rice • beans • sorghum • soya beans • corn	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Invoice (original or copy) Inspection
PH-16	Cereals • corn flakes • oats • granola • corn meal • etc.	Inspection by Quarantine Sanitary Certificate where possible Statement from Supplier attesting to Pest Free Status of product.

<b>PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-17	<b>CHIPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• potato</li> <li>• corn</li> <li>• etc.</li> </ul>	Inspection Sanitary Certificate where applicable
PH-18	<b>SPICES - whole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oregano</li> <li>• thyme</li> <li>• black pepper</li> <li>• cumin</li> <li>• cinnamon</li> <li>• etc.</li> </ul>	Needs import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Original invoice (or copy) Inspection
PH-19	<b>SPICES - ground</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• oregano</li> <li>• thyme</li> <li>• black pepper</li> <li>• cumin</li> <li>• cinnamon</li> <li>• etc.</li> </ul>	Needs import permit from the Authority Inspection
PH-20	<b>PROPAGATION MEDIA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• peat moss</li> <li>• sand</li> <li>• gravel</li> <li>• sphagnum</li> <li>• soils</li> <li>• other soil substitutes</li> </ul>	Needs import permit from the Authority Certificate of Sterlization/Treatment Certificate of Origin Inspection

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<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-21	TOBACCO • cured leaves	Import permit from the Authority Inspection
PH-22	GRASSES • sod • lawn grasses • pasture grass	Import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Treatment Inspection
PH-23	RATTAN • baskets • other plaited planting material	Import permit from the Authority Phytosanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-24	OILS • vegetable oil • corn oil • soy oil	Inspection by Quarantine Treatment of Container
PH-25	FLOUR • corn • wheat • soya • etc.	Need import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Phytosanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Original invoice (or copy) Inspection
PH-26	PASTA PRODUCTS • noodles • macaroni • spaghetti • etc.	Need import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection

<b>PLANT AND PLANT PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
PH-27	MARGARINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pure vegetable origin</li> <li>• pure vegetable shortening</li> </ul>	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection by Quarantine
PH-28	FRUIT JUICES	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-29	JAMS AND JELLIES	Sanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-30	CONFECTIONARIES	Sanitary Certificate Inspection
PH-31	PRODUCTS OF SOYA ORIGIN	Inspection
<b>Fertilizers</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
F-01	FERTILIZERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organic</li> <li>• inorganic</li> <li>• soil enhancers</li> </ul>	Dossier from Company Import permit from the Authority Certificate of Origin Inspection

## PART II

<b>ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
AH-01	LIVE ANIMALS Day old poultry	Needs import permit from the Authority Veterinary Certificate Inspection Sampling Testing
AII-02	LIVE ANIMALS Dogs and cats	Needs import permit from the Authority Veterinary Certificate Valid Rabies Vaccination Certificate Inspection (for wounds, maggots, etc.) May require Post Entry Quarantine
AH-03	LIVE ANIMALS Exotic, Zoo, Circus	Needs import permit from the Authority International Veterinary Certificate Inspection by Veterinarian Post Entry Quarantine
AH-04	LIVE ANIMALS Large animals	Needs import permit from the Authority Veterinary Certificate Inspection by Veterinarian Post Entry Quarantine
AH-05	LIVE ANIMALS Pet birds	Needs import permit from the Authority Veterinary Certificate Inspection



<b>ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
AH-06	SEMEN • all species	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-07	FEED Animal Feed • bags • bulk	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
AH-08	FEED Poultry concentrate • bags • bulk	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
AH-09	FEED Pct Food • bags • canned	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
AH-10	HAY	Needs import permit from the Authority Inspection
AH-11	MEATS All Species • canned	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection (for expiry date, etc.)

<b>ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
AH-12	MEATS Cold cuts • chilled	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-13	MEATS Beef • chilled • frozen	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-14	MEATS Cow foot • chilled	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-15	MEATS Pork • chilled • frozen	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-16	MEATS Ham, picnic • smoked	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
AH-17	LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection
AH-18	HIDES	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection

<b>ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
AH-19	ANIMAL TROPHIES	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-20	MEATS Poultry • chilled • frozen	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-21	Eggs, table	Needs import permit from the Authority Health Certificate Inspection, Sampling and Testing
AH-22	Eggs, hatching	Needs import permit from the Authority Health Certificate Inspection Sampling Testing
AH-23	DAIRY Milk • powder	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-24	DAIRY Cheese • processed	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-25	DAIRY All products • canned	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
AH-26	DAIRY • yogurt	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection

## PART III

<b>VETERINARY DRUGS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
VD-01	BIOLOGICALS vaccines - all species	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
VD-02	DRUGS Antibiotics: all - animal use	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection Sampling Check for expiry dates
VD-03	DRUGS Liquid Disinfectants	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
VD-04	DRUGS Ectoparasites • liquid • powder	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
VD-05	Miscellaneous Vet DRUGS • liquid • powder	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
VD-06	DRUGS Vitamins	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection

## PART IV

<b>FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
FS-01	Fish, Shrimp larvae • live	Needs import permit from the Authority International Veterinary Certificate International Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection by Food Safety Personnel
FS-02	FISH • fresh • dried	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
FS-03	FISH • canned	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
FS-04	FISH PRODUCTS & BYPRODUCTS • Processed • otherwise	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
FS-05	MARINE PRODUCTS • fresh • processed	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Inspection
FS-06	FEED Fish Food • live • bags • packaged	Needs import permit from the Authority Sanitary Certificate Certificate of Origin Inspection

## PART V

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>COMMODITIES OR PRODUCTS</b>	<b>MEASURE</b>
M-01	GRAVEL • for construction	Certificate of Fumigation Inspection by Quarantine Inspectors
M-02	MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT • used in construction	Certificate of Fumigation Inspection by Quarantine Inspectors
M-03	VESSELS • ships • aircrafts • containers • vehicles (new & used)	Inspection Fumigation
M-04	CLOTHING	Inspection by Quarantine Inspectors
M-05	ANIMAL BEDDING MATERIAL	Inspection by Quarantine Inspectors
M-06	PACKING MATERIAL	Inspection by Quarantine Inspectors
<b>NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE</b>		
<p>(1) The measures listed in the third column shall be applied to the commodities or products listed in the second column.</p> <p>(2) The absence of any commodity or product on this list does not indicate that Quarantine Inspectors do not reserve the right to inspect such product.</p> <p>(3) Any commodity or product which could harbour, carry or transmit agents of pests and disease shall be inspected by Quarantine Inspectors at the port of entry.</p> <p>(4) Commodities or products of quarantine importance are goods which could pose a threat to animal, plant or human health.</p>		