

THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND PLANTATIONS

**DECREE OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND PLANTATIONS
NUMBER: 558/KPTS-II-1998 ; DATED: JULY 14, 1998,**

RE

**THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PLANTATION PLANT SEEDS INTO
AND OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND PLANTATIONS,

Considering: a. that in the framework of stimulating the development of the Plantations Sub-sector in a certain condition in which the lack or surplus of plantation plant seeds as regard the quality as well as the quantity, it is necessary to conduct an import or export of seeds into or out of the territories of the Republic of Indonesia in accordance with the demand;

b. that as a follow-up on Article 29 paragraph (1) and Article 41 paragraph (1) of Government Regulation Number 4.4 of 1995 concerning the Seeding of Plants, the import and export of plantation plant seeds into and out of the territories of the Republic of Indonesia shall be conducted based on the approval/permission of the Minister;

c. that in connection with the above-mentioned matter, it is deemed necessary to stipulate the Import and Export of Plantation plant seeds into or outside the territories of the Republic of Indonesia by Decree of the Minister of Forestry and Plantations.

Baring in mind 1. Act Number 5 of the Republic of Indonesia of 1967 No. 5 concerning the Main Provisions of Forestry;
2. Act Number 5 of the Republic of Indonesia of 1990 concerning the Conservation of Biological Natural Resources and the Eco-system there-of;
3. Act Number 12 of 1992 concerning the Cultivation System of Plants;
4. Act Number 16 of 1992 concerning Quarantine of Animals, Fish and Plants;
5. Government Regulation Number 44 of 1995 of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the Seeding of Plants;
6. Decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia Number 61 of 1998;
7. Decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia Number 122/M of 1998.

HAS DECIDED

To stipulate: THE DECREE OF THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND PLANTATIONS CONCERNING THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF SEEDS OF PLANTATION PLANTS INTO OR FROM THE TERRITORIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS
Article 1**

In this Decree referred to as:

1. Seeds of Plantation Plants further called seeds shall be plants or part there-of used to multiply and or propagate plants;
2. Promotion seeds shall be seeds of superior variety already released, of which the production and the circulation there-of are supervised.
3. The Minister shall be the Minister responsible in the sectors of Forestry and Plantations.

CHAPTER II
THE IMPORT OF SEED INTO THE TERRITORIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

Article 2

The import of seeds into the territories of the Republic of Indonesia can be conducted after a permit/approval has been obtained from the Minister.

Article 3

The import of seeds into the territories of the Republic of Indonesia if said seeds cannot yet be produced in the home country or if the existing provision is not yet adequate.

Article 4

- (1) The seeds imported into the territories of the Republic of Indonesia shall meet the promotion seed quality standard;
- (2) The imported seeds as referred to in paragraph (1) shall be known clearly as regard:
 - the name of the producer/processing thereof;
 - the sender country;
 - the country/place of origin where the seeds are produced;
 - the name of the kind;
 - the name of the variety/hybrid/clone;
 - the chemical or physical treatment already given;
 - the harvesting time for seeds which have the form of seeds/tubers.
- (3) Each container shall be given a label which not easily damaged/torn loose, on a place which can be easily seen in the Indonesian-or English language.

Article 5

The kind and volume of the seeds to be imported into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia shall be stipulated by the Minister.

Article 6

The import of seeds for the purpose of research can only be conducted by the Research and Development Agency of Forestry and Plantations.

Article 7

The application for a permit to import seeds shall be forwarded in writing to the Minister through the Director General of Plantations using the already provided forms.

CHAPTER III
THE EXPORT OF SEEDS

Article 8

The export of promotion seeds from a territory of the Republic of Indonesia shall be conducted after an approval/permit has been obtained from the Minister.

Article 9

The kind and volume of the seeds to be exported from a territory of the Republic of Indonesia shall be determined by the Minister.

Article 10

The export of promotion seeds can be conducted if this is not disturbing the domestic seed supply.

Article 11

The application for a permit to export seeds shall be forwarded in writing to the Minister through the Director General of Plantations using the already stipulated forms.

CHAPTER IV THE GIVING OF AUTHORITY

Article 12

The Director General of Plantations is given authority by the Minister to sign the permit for the import and export of plantation plant seeds into and out of the territories of the Republic of Indonesia.

CHAPTER V PROMOTION AND SUPERVISION

Article 13

The import and export of seeds into and from the territories of the Republic of Indonesia shall meet the Plants Quarantine Regulations.

Article 14

The supervision on the implementation of the import and export of seeds shall be conducted by the BP2MB/Plantation seeds quality Supervision and Testing Agency.

Article 15

An individual person's Business Entity conducting activities of import and or export of seeds shall forward an administrative report concerning the activities comprising among others the volume, date, place of arrival/destination and the quality of the seeds to the Director General of Plantations and the BP2MB ultimately 1 (one) week after the seeds' arrival or dispatch.

CHAPTER VI CONCLUSION

Article 16

- (1) With the effectiveness of this Decree all already existing Import and Export Regulations of Plantation plant seeds are declared as nil and void.
- (2) Everything not yet regulated or not yet adequately regulated in this Decree shall be regulated later on.

Article 17.

This Decree shall be effective as of the date of stipulation.

Stipulated at : JAKARTA
On : JULY 14, 1998

THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY AND PLANTATIONS,

signed

Dr. Ir. MUSLIMIN NASUTION