

Plant and Animal Quarantine Regulations

PART III - POWERS OF INSPECTORS

37. Authority to search and examine

(a) An Inspector may enter any conveyance, land or building other than a dwelling house to search for and examine plants, plant materials, animals, animal products or any other goods subject to these regulations that he reasonably believes may be infested with a quarantine pest or disease or may have come into contact with a quarantine pest or disease.

(b) An Inspector may only enter a dwelling house for the purpose of conducting an inspection if he has obtained the express permission of the owner or if he is authorized to do so by a search warrant issued for such inspection by a Magistrate or Judge.

(c) When requested to do so, an Inspector shall present written evidence of his appointment as an Inspector.

38. Access to documents

An Inspector may examine any log, manifest, cargo stowage plan, passenger list, crew list or other document necessary to carry out his functions under these regulations.

39. Power to open shipment

An Inspector may require any importer or agent to open any mail, box, case, receptacle, space, or container and, if the importer or agent fails to do so upon request, may arrange for the opening of such mail, box, case, receptacle, space, or container at the importer's expense.

40. Employment of Assistants

An Inspector may, whenever necessary for the purposes of these Regulations, and as may be approved by the Secretary, employ any person or persons to assist him temporarily. Such person shall have the authority of an Inspector until the cessation of such temporary appointment.