

PRE-MARKET APPROVAL PERMIT

Chapter 8: Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons

PURPOSE	To ensure that foodstuffs listed in the Third Schedule of the Food Regulations which are being imported or manufactured locally are in compliance with the Food Act/Food Regulations and are of quality and nature demanded
LEGISTRATION	Regulations 23 and 24 of the Food Regulations GN 173 of 1999
FINAL DECISION MAKER	Director public health and food safety of the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life
DOCUMENT NEEDED	An Original Certificate of Analysis from an accredited laboratory from the country exporting the product certifying the chemical composition and microbiological safety of the product and in case of local products, a certificate from the Government Analyst Division.
PROCESS	A written application in form of the Forth Schedule of the Food Regulations accompanied with a sample of the foodstuff to be imported or manufactured in its original package. On application, the applicant will be immediately provided with a checklist for chemical and bacteriological analysis required.
TIME TAKEN FOR DELIVERY	The permit is issued immediately after ensuring that the standards mentioned in the certificate required at the time of application complies with the Food Act and its regulations. (within 24 hrs.)
COST	None

08011100	-- Desiccated	08071900	-- Other
08011900	-- Other	08072000	- Papaws (papayas)
08012100	-- In shell	08081000	- Apples
08012200	-- Shelled	08082000	- Pears and quinces
08013100	-- In shell	08091000	- Apricots
08013200	-- Shelled	08092000	- Cherries
08021100	-- In shell	08093000	- Peaches, including nectarines
08021200	-- Shelled	08094000	- Plums and sloes
08022100	-- In shell	08101000	- Strawberries
08022200	-- Shelled	08102000	- Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries and loganberries
08023100	-- In shell	08104000	- Cranberries, bilberries and other fruits of the genus Vaccinium
08023200	-- Shelled	08105000	- Kiwi fruit
08024000	- Chestnuts (<i>Castanea</i> spp.)	08106000	- Durians
08025000	- Pistachios	08109000	- Other
08026000	- Macadamia nuts	08111000	- Strawberries
08029000	- Other	08112000	- Raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, loganberries, black, white or red currants and gooseberries

08030000	Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried.	08119000	- Other
08041000	- Dates	08121000	- Cherries
08042000	- Figs	08129000	- Other
08043000	- Pineapples	08131000	- Apricots
08044000	- Avocados	08132000	- Prunes
08045000	- Guavas, mangoes and mangosteens	08133000	- Apples
08051000	- Oranges	08134000	- Other fruit
08052000	- Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas); clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	08135000	- Mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this Chapter
08054000	- Grapefruit, including pomelos	08140000	Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including water-melons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions.
08055000	- Lemons (Citrus limon, Citrus limonum) and limes (Citrus aurantifolia, Citrus latifolia)		
08059000	- Other		
08061000	- Fresh		
08062000	- Dried		
08071100	-- Watermelons		

Phytosanitary Certificate(PC)

PURPOSE	A Phytosanitary Certificate from exporter (abroad) should accompany imported products on arrival certifying compliance of import requirements as spelt out in the Plant Import Permit.
LEGISTRATION	The Plant Protection Act 2006 . PART IV sec. 19 Import Requirements, Sec 20 Inspections.
FINAL DECISION MAKER	Divisional Scientific Officer (for accepting the PC)
DOUCUMENT NEEDED	Phytosanitary Certificate is delivered from competent authority in county of origin (exporter) upon production of the PIP from the importer.
COST	Cost is borne by exporter in foreign country

Certificate of Inspection(CI)

PURPOSE	Consignments are subject to inspection by our quarantine officers on arrival at Airport , Seaport and Post office . These inspections are essential to verify compliance with our import conditions and ascertain ourselves of the phytosanitary status of the imported commodities.
LEGISTRATION	The Plant Protection Act 2006 . PART IV sec. 19 Import Requirements, Sec 20 Inspections.
FINAL DECISION MAKER	Divisional Scientific Officer.
DOUCUMENT NEEDED	The PIP (duplicate), PC, Bill of Lading (BL) and packing list must be produced at the time of inspection.
PROCESS	Importer contacts the NPPO officer at airport (for air cargo)or seaport (for ship cargo)CI issued after verification of documents (PIP, PC, BL and packing list) and examination of consignment.
TIME TAKEN FOR DELIVERY	CI is issued after inspection if documents are found to be in compliance and phytosanitary status of consignment is accepted. For non compliant consignments clearance is subject to time taken by importer to produce required documents to the NPPO.
COST	Rs 100

Additional PERMIT Required all except for

- 0811 fruit & nuts (raw or cooked by steam etc), frozen
- 0812 fruit & nuts temporarily preserved, not now edible
- 0813 fruit dried nesoi, mixtures of nuts or dried fruit
- 0814 peel, citrus or melon, fresh, frozen, dried, provsl pres

ADDITIONAL PERMIT SPECIFIC FOR

08055000	- Lemons (Citrus limon, Citrus limonum) and limes (Citrus aurantifolia ,Citrus latifolia)
08059000	- Other