



Notification of Department of Agriculture
Re: Conditions for Import of Papaya Seed from Taiwan
B.E. 2562 (2019)

The Department of Agriculture has completed pest risk analysis for commercial importation of papaya seed from Taiwan.

By virtue of the provisions of Section 8(2) and Section 10 of the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (1964) amended by the Plant Quarantine Act (No.3) B.E. 2551 (2008), the Director-General of Department of Agriculture through the recommendation of the Plant Quarantine Committee hereby announces phytosanitary import requirements of papaya seed from Taiwan as follow:

1. This notification shall be called “Notification of Department of Agriculture, Re: Conditions for Import of Papaya Seed from Taiwan B.E. 2562 (2019).”
2. This notification shall enter into force a day after the date of its proclamation in the Government Gazette.
3. **Plant Species**

Papaya (*Carica papaya*) seed
4. **Quarantine Pests of Concern**

Tobacco ringspot virus (TRSV)
5. **Responsible Organizations**
 - 5.1 Kingdom of Thailand: Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as DOA)
 - 5.2 Taiwan: Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine (BAPHIQ) is designated as an official National Plant Protection Organization of Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as NPPO)
6. **Import Permit**

Import permit issued by DOA is required.

7. Means of Conveyance

Papaya seeds must be imported from a port in Taiwan to a port in the Kingdom of Thailand by sea cargo or air cargo.

8. Requirements for Importation

- 8.1 Papaya seeds must be non-genetically modified organism.
- 8.2 Papaya seeds must be official tested for the freedom of *Tobacco ringspot virus* in laboratory by Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or other techniques agreed upon by the DOA and NPPO.
- 8.3 The shipment must be packed in clean, new packaging, clearly labelled with the full botanical name and variety or line and must be free of live insects, soil, sand, contaminant seeds, other plant material (including leaf, stem material, fruit pulp, pod material) and animal material (including animal faeces and feathers).

9. Phytosanitary Certification

- 9.1 A phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued by the NPPO is required. The original copy must accompany every consignment to the Kingdom of Thailand and bear the following additional declaration:

“Papaya seeds were official tested in laboratory by (specify the technique) and found free from *Tobacco ringspot virus*.”

- 9.2 The botanical name and variety or line of papaya seeds must be recorded on the Phytosanitary Certificate.

10. Import inspection

- 10.1 When the consignments arrive at the point of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the import inspection must be conducted after confirming the respective documents accompanying the consignments concerned.
- 10.2 A representative sample of the consignments will be randomly selected, at the inspector’s discretion, and examined to determine if pests are present. If live pests are found, samples will normally be sent for laboratory identification, and the consignments held pending the results.
- 10.3 In the case of *Tobacco ringspot virus* being found during import inspection, the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed at the importer’s expense.

- 10.4 If any live organisms of potential quarantine concerns to the Kingdom of Thailand, the consignment must be treated with an appropriated treatment (if available), re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expenses. The DOA reserved the right to impose temporary suspension of import from the identified pathway until a risk assessment of intercepted organisms is determined.

11. Audit of Export Procedures

- 11.1 The export of papaya seeds from Taiwan to the Kingdom of Thailand shall only begin after the DOA has completed the audit of export certification procedures of Taiwan. The costs of such audits must be borne by Taiwan.
- 11.2 In the event of a suspension of import or any irregularity, DOA shall audit export certification procedures in Taiwan prior to a decision being taken on resumption of import. The costs of these audits must be borne by Taiwan.

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