Plant Quarantine Procedures of Korea
**Items subject to plant quarantine:**

*All Plants and Plant Products*

- Grains, Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Medicinal Herbs, etc.
- Woods and wood products (Logs, Lumber, etc)
- Seeds, Nursery stocks & Bulbs
- Dyes, Personal preferences, Spices and Oil cakes, etc.

*Each consignment of items subject to plant quarantine, with few exemptions, should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country.*

**Items NOT subject to plant quarantine**

Any products processed to the extent that pest risk is negligible.

**Example**

- Products preserved in alcohol, acetic acid, salt, sugar or oil
- Products treated with preservative, dye or bleach
- Finished wood products
- Pest-proof packaged products after being roasted, baked, steamed or boiled
## Depending on the status

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Prohibited plants and plant products

- Most of fresh fruits, including vegetable fruits, such as orange, mango, dragon fruits, melon, cucumber, pear and apple, etc., except coconut palm, pineapple & immature banana.
- Green beans of Fabaceae
- Unhulled rice, chaff and rice straw, and their processed products
- Any plants or plant products contaminated with soil

For more information on prohibited plants or plant products, please visit: http://www.qia.go.kr/english/html/Plant/Plant_004.jsp
“Import Plant Quarantine”—“Rules to follow”—“The Original Text DOWNLOAD”

Among the prohibited fresh fruits produced in ASEAN Countries, the following fruits are conditionally allowed.

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The prohibited plants and plant products are subject to Import Risk Analysis (IRA*) before importation by NPPO of Korea.

* Summary of IRA Procedures
   Official request by NPPO of exporting country → Conduct Pest Risk Assessment by NPPO of importing country → Choose pest risk management options → Conditionally allow importation

The prohibited plants and plant products are also NOT allowed to be brought into Korea by international passenger baggage.
Exemptions from prohibited products

- Dried fruits and vegetables
  - Should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate

- Frozen plants and plant products including frozen fruits and vegetables
  - Should be frozen at 17.8℃ under zero or below
  - The temperature should be maintained until arrival in Korea
  - Should be accompanied by a valid certificate such as a Phytosanitary Certificate or Export Certificate

Be careful

Among the frozen fruits or vegetables, the followings are still prohibited:

- Kernel of walnut
- Vines, stems, leaves and under ground parts of Solanaceae (pepper, potato and tobacco, etc.) and Ipomoea spp. (sweet potato, etc.)
- Fruits of Solanaceae (pepper, tomato, eggplant, etc.)
- Fruits of Pomoideae (apple, pear and quince, etc.)

Basic import requirements for each consignment of plants and plant products

- Should be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the NPPO of the exporting country.

- Should be free of soil, any live pests or organisms regulated by Korea.
General import inspection procedures

Receipt of application → On-site inspection

- Non-quarantine pests or no pests found
  - Issuance of certificate, Release

- Prohibited plants found
  - Laboratory inspection
    - Prohibited pests found
      - Destroyed or reshipped
        - No treatments available
          - Exterminated
        - Treatments available
          - Order for treatment
    - Controlled quarantine pests, or provisionally regulated pests
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Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency

Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency is a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Korea established in April 1978 to protect the eco-system and agricultural resources by preventing the introduction of foreign pests and diseases through inspection of plants and plant products.