



Summary of Q&A Session on Thailand import condition regulation for pepper, tomato, eggplant and corn seeds.

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Thailand Import regulations for pepper, tomato, eggplant and corn seeds are for commercial seeds (including parental lines) used for sowing and these are applied to all origins. The effective date is from April 13, 2021. Other seeds not for commercial use will not be permitted by this import condition.

Import permit (IP)/Import license

- In case the company already has the import permit which is still valid until the end of the year or after 13 April, 2021, the company will be notified by the Department of Agriculture to request the new import permit.
- The new import permit (P.Q 2-1) can be issued after April 13, 2021.

Documents required for importing a consignment

- Import permit (valid for 1 year)
- Phytosanitary certificate with additional declaration referring to the import regulation
- Non-GMOs certificate by producer (no test report attached)

Effective date for the new import condition regulation is on 13 April, 2021

- Effective date the new import condition is on 13 April, 2021, the consignment will arrive to Thailand after 13 April, 2021 must be complied with new import condition.

Seeds from Thailand origin

- For the seeds that have been produced in Thailand and re-exported to another country and export back to Thailand, this case must be complied with the new import regulation. **List of quarantine pests in the annex**
- All consignments arriving to Thailand must be free from all pests listed in Annex.
- If the pests in AD phyto are tested positive, the consignment must be re-exported or destroyed at the importer's expense – clause 10.5.

- If other pests mentioned in the annex which are not the pests in AD are found, the consignment must be treated with an appropriate treatment (if available) – clause 10.6.
- In case any pests of potential quarantine concern to Thailand and not listed in the Annex is found, the consignment shall be treated with an appropriate treatment referring to clause 10.8.
- In general, the testing lead time on arrival is at least 2 weeks depending on the results.

Additional declaration (Clause 9.0)

- The wording used for AD Phyto has to follow the clause 9.1.

Crop inspection

- If the field inspection has been done 2 – 3 years before and already covered the quarantine pests during field inspection, the result can still be valid.

Lab testing methods

- The methods are mentioned in the clause 8 requirements for importation. So, it is dependent on NPPO of exporting country using by appropriate methods
- The sample size for small seed lot is mentioned in the clause 8.3.2 of tomato, eggplant and pepper seeds.

Clause 8.3.2 Maize seeds were derived from parent plants that were inspected and tested during the growing season and found free from the quarantine pests in 8.3

- Phytosanitary inspection and testing during the growing season to ensure they are free of the specified quarantine pests. The symptoms suspected by examinations (inspection) may be tested in a laboratory to confirm the presence of the specified quarantine pests.

Clause 8.4 Maize seeds were produced in the fields that were inspected during the growing season and found free from *Striga* spp.

- For *Striga* spp. only field inspection is done.
- If the consignment has not been inspected for *Striga* spp. during field inspection as the production was done before the new regulation is effective, the consignment CANNOT be imported to Thailand after the new regulation come into force on April 13, 2021