

# PLANTS' (IMPORTATION) REGULATIONS, 1923.<sup>(1)</sup>

## CITATION.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923.*<sup>(1)</sup>

## INTERPRETATION.

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise indicates—  
 “Importer” includes the person who introduces any plant or the consignee of any plant.  
 “Plants” means trees or plants and includes cuttings and slips of trees and plants and all live parts of trees or plants.

## REPEAL.

3. All regulations<sup>(2)</sup> heretofore made under the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913*, are repealed.

## DUTY OF IMPORTER OF PLANTS.

4.—(1.) The importer or intending importer of any plants shall, before the plants are introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the Principal Officer of Customs at a Port of Entry of the fact that such plants are intended to be introduced into the Territory by him.

(2.) The importer shall thereafter cause the plants and the boxes, bags and wrappings in which they are contained to be placed in the tent provided for the purpose of fumigation or to such other structure as the Principal Officer of Customs may direct and in such manner as such Officer shall approve.

(1) The *Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923* (made under the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913*), comprise the original *Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923*, as amended by the other regulations referred to in the following Table:—

### REGULATIONS MADE BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Description and number and year.	Date on which made by Lieut.-Gov. in Council.	Date on which published in Papua Govt. Gaz.	Date on which took effect.
<i>Plants' (Importation) Regulations, 1923</i> (S.R. 1923, No. 4)	28.2.1923	7.3.1923	7.3.1923 ( <i>Papua Govt. Gaz.</i> of 7.3.1923)
<i>Amending Regulation</i> (S.R. 1929, No. 10)	8.5.1929	5.6.1929	5.6.1929 ( <i>Papua Govt. Gaz.</i> of 5.6.1929)
<i>Amending Regulation</i> (S.R. 1930, No. 11)	21.7.1930	6.8.1930	6.8.1930 ( <i>Papua Govt. Gaz.</i> of 6.8.1930)
<i>Amending Regulation</i> (S.R. 1934, No. 4)	9.4.1934	2.5.1934	2.5.1934 ( <i>Papua Govt. Gaz.</i> of 2.5.1934)

(2) The regulations in force under the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913*, at the date on which the *Plants' (Importation) Regulations* took effect, were the *Plants' Diseases Regulation No. 1* and the *Plants' Diseases Regulation No. 2*, referred to in footnote (9) to the *Plants' Diseases Ordinance, 1911-1913*.

## PLANT DISEASES—

### FUMIGATION OF PLANTS.

5. Such plants together with boxes, bags and wrappings in which they are contained shall then be fumigated by the method provided by the Director of Agriculture, under the supervision of the Principal Officer of Customs or such officer as he may appoint, before the same are removed.

### NO REMOVAL OF PLANTS BEFORE FUMIGATION.

6. No person shall remove the plants boxes or the bags or wrappings in which they are contained from the tent or structure in which they have been so placed for the purpose of fumigation, until after they have been fumigated as provided by these Regulations.

### IMPORTATION OF COTTON SEED.

7. No cotton seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory unless—

- (1) The importer or intending importer shall, before the cotton seed<sup>(3)</sup> introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the Principal Officer of Customs at a Port of Entry of the fact that such cotton seed is intended to be introduced into the Territory by him; and
- (2) The importer or intending importer furnishes such Principal Officer of Customs with a certificate from some responsible Officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Queensland—
  - (a) that the cotton seed has been examined and fumigated by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned; or
  - (b) that the cotton seed has been examined by expert officers of the Department of Agriculture concerned and that it is free from disease.

Provided that in cases where cotton seed is imported by and consigned to the Government the Director of Agriculture on being satisfied, in such manner as seems to him sufficient, that the cotton seed has been properly fumigated in Queensland before shipment or that it is free from disease may, in writing, authorize the Principal Officer of Customs to permit the landing and delivery of the cotton seed without requiring the production of any such certificate.

### IMPORTATION OF COFFEE SEED.

7A. No coffee seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. Any coffee seed imported or introduced in breach of this regulation may be seized and destroyed by any officer of Customs.

(3) The words "seed introduced" appeared in the Regulations as published in *Papua Govt. Gaz. Semble*, this should read "seed is introduced".

IMPORTATION OF SUGAR-CANE.

7B. No sugar-cane shall be imported or introduced into the Territory unless—

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- (1) The importer or intending importer shall, before the sugar-cane is introduced or landed in the Territory, notify the Principal Officer of Customs at a Port of Entry of the fact that such sugar-cane is intended to be introduced into the Territory by him; and
- (2) The importer or intending importer furnishes the Director of Agriculture with the following certificates:—
  - (a) A certificate from a responsible officer of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Queensland that the sugar-cane has been properly fumigated under the personal supervision of a person properly qualified to carry out such fumigation; and
  - (b) A certificate from a properly qualified Plant Pathologist that the sugar-cane is to the best of his knowledge and belief from a disease-free area and free from disease; and
  - (c) A certificate from a properly qualified Entomologist that the sugar-cane is free from dangerous insects.
- (3) The Director of Agriculture is satisfied with the certificates so furnished whereupon the said Director of Agriculture may authorize the said Principal Officer of Customs by wireless or in writing to permit the introduction into the Territory of the said sugar-cane without observing the other conditions of these regulations.

IMPORTATION OF TOBACCO SEED.

7C. No tobacco seed shall be imported or introduced into the Territory except when obtained by or through the Director of Agriculture. Tobacco seed imported in breach of this regulation may be seized and destroyed by any officer of customs.

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PENALTIES.

8. If any person commits a breach of any of these Regulations he shall be liable on conviction in a summary way to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds and the plants, boxes, bags and wrappings, or any of them in respect of which such breach was committed may be seized and destroyed by any Officer of Customs.