



**MINISTRY OF PRIMARY RESOURCES AND TOURISM
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORTATION OF SPICES INTO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

**Attachment to Import Permit
SAMPLE**

1. **COMMODITY TYPE:** Spices
2. **COUNTRY OF EXPORT:** Australia
3. **PURPOSE:** Fresh consumption, minimal processed, primary and secondary processed
4. **IMPORT PERMIT**
 - 4.1. Each consignment shall be accompanied by a valid Import Permit or its certified copy issued by the government competent authority of Brunei Darussalam.
 - 4.2. An import permit issued by the government competent authority of Brunei Darussalam is valid for one consignment only.
 - 4.3. The validity of import permit is **three (03) months** from date of application.
5. **PRE-EXPORT REQUIREMENT**
 - 5.1. Spices should be grown / produced in an area free of quarantine pests.
 - 5.2. Any recent pesticide spraying application must not be more than the duration of recommended harvesting interval.
 - 5.3. The country of origin should be indicated on the Phytosanitary Certificate for re-export commodity.
[or other approved treatment(s) may also be acceptable]
6. **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**
 - 6.1. **SHIPMENTS MUST BE FREE FROM PESTS, SOIL, LEAVES AND PLANT DEBRIS.**
 - 6.2. Spices must be packed in proper clean packaging and labelled with farm registration number and packing house registration number.
 - 6.3. The importer shall notify and declare relevant documents to the Authorized Biosecurity Officers at the point of entry for inspection.
 - 6.4. On arrival each consignment would be inspected by Authorized Biosecurity Officers and documentation examined for consignment verification purposes at the port of entry in Brunei Darussalam before being released to the importer or his agent.
7. **PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE**
The consignment must be accompanied with **Phytosanitary Certificate**, dated **not more than fourteen (14) days** prior to export and must be signed and endorsed by the government competent authority of the exporting country.
Phytosanitary Certificate Requirement:
 - a) Mentions the Import Permit reference number issued by the government competent authority of Brunei Darussalam.
 - b) Every consignment of spices must be accompanied with a Phytosanitary Certificate to ensure that consignment has been inspected and certified free from quarantine pests by the government competent authority of the exporting country.
 - c) Any wood packing material used must be treated with:
 - Fumigation using Methyl Bromide at 48g/m³ for duration of 24 hours **OR**
 - Heat treatment at 56°C for duration of 30 minutes.
 [Or other approved treatment may also be acceptable].
 - d) If fumigation treatment was applied on the consignment of spices and/or wood packing material(s), a Fumigation Certificate must be attached and indicated in the Phytosanitary Certificate.
 - e) In case of other quarantine treatment was applied on the consignment of spices before export, such treatment must be indicated in the Phytosanitary Certificate.
8. **DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPANYING THE CONSIGNMENT**
 - 8.1. All documents must be:
 - i. In English.
 - ii. Original, unless otherwise stated.
 - iii. Endorsed on every page by the government competent authority of the exporting country with their original, stamp, signature and date.
 - 8.2. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that the consignment is compliant with the current import requirements at the time of importation. Any documentation presented must be original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining biosecurity clearance or rejection of the consignment.

9. NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL

The importer or his agent shall contact the Biosecurity Officer at designated Biosecurity Control Post at least a week before the arrival of the consignment for giving details of transport and arrival times of the consignment.

10. BORDER INSPECTION

Authorized Biosecurity Officers shall inspect the consignment and any required documents upon arrival at the port of disembarkation in Brunei Darussalam.

The consignment is subjected to inspection at the entry point to ensure the consignment is free from live pests. If the consignment is compliant with the current import requirements and no live pests are found upon inspection, the consignment shall be released to the importer or his agent.

11. NON-COMPLIANCE

If the consignment does not comply with the current import requirements upon arrival or if live pests are found upon inspection, the consignment shall be returned to the exporting country or detained by the Biosecurity Officer for any appropriate actions. **All expenses for any necessary actions are to be borne by the importer.**

12. OTHERS

- 12.1. This Phytosanitary Conditions may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes in import policy, or there are changes in the pest status of the exporting countries or in the event of emergencies, at the discretion of Department of Agriculture and Agrifood.
- 12.2. The Department of Agriculture and Agrifood is not liable in any manner whatsoever for any delays or costs that may be incurred as a result of any inspection to ensure that the consignment complies with the term of the import requirements.
- 12.3. If the applicant is not the owner of the consignment, any import requirement process and/or biosecurity clearance by any person on behalf of the owner should present a letter of authorization provided by the owner.

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