

General National Congress – Libia
Council of Ministers
Control Centre for Food & Medicine

Agriculture quarantine requirements on importing seed potatoes from abroad.

1. Shipments must be free from any quarantine pests *
2. To be mature and identical in color and shape to the distinctive category.
3. To be from the previous plantation season.
4. Category purity to be 99.8%.
5. The tubers diameter between 35-60mm.
6. Free of germination and untreated with germination inhibitors.
7. Free of impurities, foreign matters and soil.
8. Genetically modified not allowed.
9. Mechanical damage cannot exceed 0.5% by weight.
10. The tubers should be free from brown mould disease caused by bacteria (Pseudomonas solanacearum, Ralstonia solanacearum)
11. The number of tubers free from normal scabies disease should not be less than 75% of the total quantity, while the infection should not show more than 2 scrapes which will not exceed the 1/32 of the tuber surface.
12. The rate of disease infection should not exceed the rates mentioned in the following table:

Infection Rate	Cause	Disease Name English	Disease Name
0.5%	Phytophthora infestans	Late blight	الفحة المتأخرة
0.5%	Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	White mould / Stalk break	انقطاع الساق
0.5%	Fusarium sulphureum Fusarium solani	Dry rot	العفن الجاف
5.0%	Rhizoctonia solani	Black scurf (Rhizctonia Canker)	العشيرة السوداء (التقرح الريزكتوني)
0.25%	Potato virus M (PVM)	Potato leaf rolling mosaic	تبرقش والتلف أوراق البطاطس
1.0%	Potato virus A (PVA)	Mid mosaic	التبرقش المعتدل

13. All agriculture shipments should be enclosed with relevant Agriculture Health Certificate issued by relevant authorities at the country of export, certifying that the shipment is free from any quarantine pests and it should be mentioned if it was chemically treated with a relevant detailed explanation (name of the chemical material, rate of concentration, date) of the related procedure.

*quarantine pests listed in table A1 & A2

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