

PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

The Nigeria Plant Quarantine Service (NPQS) facilitates agricultural trade for both importers and exporters and safeguard agricultural and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment or spread of exotic plant pests and noxious weeds. NPQS strives to ensure that imported plant and plant products are free of harmful pests which are achieved by regulating the importation of agricultural products with import permit, import requirements, inspection, treatment where necessary and phytosanitary certificate.

Guidelines for importation of agricultural products are:

- Agricultural products may be imported into Nigeria by means of an import permit.
- Intended importer is expected to complete an Import Permit Application form.
- The issuance of Import Permit would depend on the risk involved. An Import Permit contains a statement of conditions to be fulfilled before importation is allowed into Nigeria
- An Import Permit is issued on the payment of user fee and valid for one consignment only.
- The consignment must comply with the conditions of importation set out in the Import Permit.
- Agricultural products must be presented to Quarantine Officers upon arrival into the country for inspection at the port of entry.
- The consignment must be accompanied by authenticated Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization of the country of origin as indicated on the Import Permit.
- Wood packaging material and dunnage must be treated in line with IPPC guideline, (ISPM 15) free from bark and bear the IPPC mark for the treatment or accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate which indicates the type of treatment used.