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Conditions for the Importation of Plants and Plant Products from Jamaica

The Plants (Importation and Exportation) Law 1997 Revision

These conditions are in two parts and apply to the **importation of cargo shipments only**. With the exception of certified seeds, individual travelers are **not** allowed to import fresh plant products or propagative materials into the Cayman Islands from Jamaica as part of checked or carry-on luggage.

General Requirement

Import Permit

- a. A written application to obtain an Import Permit must be made to the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture (DoA) on the prescribed form provided by the DoA before any consignment of plant products or propagative material is imported into the Cayman Islands.
- b. Applications will be processed by the DoA in accordance with the Plant (Importation and Exportation) Law and a response issued within 72 working hours of receipt of the completed form.
- c. **Importers must present the import permit issued by the DoA to the Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Division Officer in Jamaica** for guidance regarding the conditions for the importation.
- d. The import permit will be granted for those commodities listed in Part I Section iii and for propagative materials contained in Part II of this document only, with the appropriate conditions for entry.
- e. Importers seeking to import any plant or plant product not listed in Parts I & II may apply in writing to the DoA and such applications will be subjected to the appropriate Pest Risk Assessment (PRA).

Inspection and Phytosanitary Certification

- a. Consignments of items listed in Part 1 and/or II intended for entry into the Cayman Islands **must** be accompanied by a valid Phytosanitary Certificate, issued and signed by an Officer of the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Jamaica.
- b. All treatments applied must be listed on the Phytosanitary Certificate.
- c. All consignments **must** be shipped within seven (7) days of the issuance of the Phytosanitary Certificate.

- d. All consignments will be subjected to inspection and testing, at the port of entry in the Cayman Islands, by officials of the DoA's Agricultural Health Inspection Services Unit.
- e. Consignments not listed and/or in excess of quantities stated on the Phytosanitary Certificate and invoice will not be allowed entry.

PART I

Specific Requirements for the Importation of Plant Products (Including Cut Flowers and Foliage)

(i) Guidelines for the Preparation/Packaging of Plant Products Shipped to the Cayman Islands

- a. All traders **must** be registered in Jamaica with the Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Division. All plant products for export to the Cayman Islands must originate from a packinghouse certified by the Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica.
- b. All commodities must be of good quality, clean, **free of pests**, soil and foreign matter.
- c. Commodities must be packed in new unused standard size carton boxes or bags.
- d. All commodities should be treated in accordance to the treatment outlined in Part I, Section iii of this document for the specific product.
- e. The DoA reserves the right to prescribe additional treatment for any consignment, as may become necessary.

(ii) Procedures for the Export of Plant Products to the Cayman Islands

- a. All consignment of **banana** (*Musa spp.*) must originate and accompanied with invoice from producers named and packed under the associated brands listed in Appendix I and must be accompanied by an Export Certificate from the Jamaica Banana Board.
- b. All consignments of **plantain** (*Musa spp.*) must comply with conditions set out in Appendix II and an additional declaration must appear on the phytosanitary certificate stating that the plantains were **grown in a parish certified free of Moko or Bacterial Wilt *Ralstonia solanacearum* or from parishes where the disease is not known to occur.**
- c. For consignments of Irish Potato an additional declaration must appear on the phytosanitary certificate stating that the potatoes were grown in an area **certified free from the bacterium, *Dickeya solani* or from areas that the disease is not known to occur.**

- d. The entire consignment of plant products must be inspected by authorized officers from the NPPO (Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Division) at the approved packing house or at the designated Export Complex.
- e. All boxes must be securely sealed with good quality tape.
- f. All boxes containing fresh products that have passed inspection should bear the Jamaica Ministry of Agriculture stamp.
- g. All consignments, with the exception of certified packaged seeds, are required to be shipped as cargo and **not as an accompanied passenger luggage**.

(iii) Plant products approved for importation from Jamaica to the Cayman Islands along with the required treatment are as follows:

Common Name	Scientific Name	*Requirement/Treatment
Ackee	<i>Blighia sapida</i>	Processed by an Ackee Processor approved by the Bureau of Standards, Jamaica. Cleaned, blanched and frozen arilli only, maintaining the cold chain at 18°C
Avocado	<i>Persea americana</i>	Washed and disinfected
Breadfruit	<i>Artocarpus altilis</i>	Washed and disinfected green fruits only
Carrot	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Cantaloupe	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Chives	<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Fumigation
Cho Cho	<i>Sechium edule</i>	Washed and disinfected
Cinnamon – (Dried leaves, branches or bark)	<i>Cinnamomum verum</i>	Washed, disinfected and dried
Citrus Fruits	<i>Citrus spp.</i>	Washed and disinfected
Coco	<i>Colocasia antiquorum</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Coco Yam/Tannia	<i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Cocoa	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	Dried beans only
Coffee Beans-(Dried/ Processed)	<i>Coffea canephora</i>	Fumigation
Coriander	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>	Fumigation
Dasheen	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Escallion	<i>Allium fistulosum</i>	Fumigation
Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Green banana	<i>Musa sp</i>	Washed, disinfected to include fungicide
Gungo Peas (Green/Dry)	<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	Fumigation
Irish Potato (Ware)	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Washed free of soil, packed and shipped within 30 days of harvest or stored & shipped under such conditions as to inhibit sprouting
June Plum	<i>Spondias cytherea</i>	Hot water treatment
Marjoram	<i>Origanum majorana</i>	Fumigation
Nutmeg	<i>Myristica fragrans</i>	Dried

Common Name	Scientific Name	*Requirement/Treatment
Oregano	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	Fumigation
Onion	<i>Allium cepa</i>	Cured, free of soil
Papaya	<i>Carica papaya</i>	Washed and disinfected
Peanut	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	Fumigation, free of aflatoxin
Pepper, Chili	<i>Capsicum sp.</i>	Fumigation
Pepper, Scotch Bonnet	<i>Capsicum chinense</i>	Fumigation
Pepper, sweet	<i>Capsicum annum</i>	Fumigation
Pimento seeds	<i>Pimenta dioica</i>	Dried and clean seeds
Pineapple	<i>Ananas cosmosus</i>	Crowns and fruit stalks removed
Plantain	<i>Musa sp</i>	Treated in accordance to Appendix II
Pumpkin	<i>Cucurbita pepo</i>	Washed and disinfected
Red Peas	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Fumigation
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>	Fumigation
Soursop	<i>Annona squamosa</i>	Washed, disinfected and inspected free of pests' damage
Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>	Fumigation
Sweet Basil	<i>Ocinum basilicum</i>	Fumigation
Sweet Cassava	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Washed, disinfected and free of soil
Sweet Potato	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Washed, disinfected, free of soil
Tarragon	<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	Fumigation
Thyme	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>	Fumigation
Turmeric	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	Washed, disinfected and free of soil
Watermelon	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	Washed, disinfected and free of soil
Yam	<i>Dioscorea spp.</i>	Washed, disinfected and free of soil
Anthurium (Blooms only)	<i>Anthurium sp.</i>	
Orchid blooms	<i>Orchidae sp.</i>	

* The treatment requirements listed above are subject to change and commodities may be added to or removed from the list in accordance with findings of an updated Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) for that commodity.

PART II

Specific Requirements for the Importation of Plant Propagative Material

- (i) The selected list of propagative material approved for importation from Jamaica to the Cayman Islands is as follows:
- Tissue cultured plantlets
 - Certified seeds
 - Orchid plants (In soilless growing medium only)
 - Scion material
 - Yam (*Dioscorea spp.*) Cuttings ('Yam Head' or Minisetts)
- (ii) Tissue cultured material, and packaged seeds from institutions recognized by the DoA do not require additional phytosanitary treatment.

- (iii) Seeds that are **not** in hermetically sealed commercial package must be free of soil, pests (including noxious weed seeds) and dusted with a/an:
- Insecticide
 - Fungicide
- (iv) Orchids Plants: Nurseries desiring to export orchids to the Cayman Islands must be signatory to the compliance agreement with the Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica (please see document attached in Appendix III). A pesticide dip treatment must be done at least 7 days prior to shipping to include a registered/approved insecticide, miticide, protectant fungicide and a liquid molluscicide.
- Orchid plants can be imported in soilless growing media comprised of; washed rock, orchiatata, sphagnum moss, charcoal, tree fern fibre, coir and/or perlite.
- Orchid plants will not be accepted growing on wood/logs or in growing media that includes soil or other materials not listed above.
- (v) Yam (*Dioscorea spp.*) cuttings ('yam head' or minisetts) intended for propagation must be treated by dipping in:
- Insecticide
 - Nematicide
 - Fungicide
- (vi) All chemicals used in treatments **must** be approved by the Jamaica Pesticides Control Authority (PCA) and should be applied at the recommended rate as instructed by the label.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is to be noted that tissue cultured and scion material (buds and grafts) can only be imported into the Cayman Islands from institutions recognized by the DoA.

Failure to comply with any or all of the above measures in this condition will result in the confiscation of the consignment.

APPENDIX I

Table 2: Showing the list of Approved Farms for the Importation of Banana Fruits (*Musa spp.*) into the Cayman Islands

Number	Name of Company/Farm	Location
1	Bodles Breeding Station	Bodles, St. Catherine
2	Byron Henry	Spring Garden, Portland
3	CASE	Buff Bay, Portland
4	Easton Cunningham	Unity Valley, Portland
5	Ewart Miller	Spring Garden, Portland, Jamaica
6	Gabaroh Cunningham	Hope Bay, Portland
7	Jamaica Producers Group Ltd	Polo Common Farm, Agualta Vale, St. Mary,
8	Law Mitchell	Windsor, Portland
9	Ramble Farm (Noel Clarke)	Ramble, St. Mary, Jamaica
10	Rose Hardie	Highgate, St. Mary
11	Wilbur Edwards	Ramble, St. Mary, Jamaica
12	Winsome Crosdale	Hope Bay, Portland

Where an importer wishes to import from any producer who is certified under the Jamaica Banana Board GLOBALG.A.P Certification programme but not currently listed above they may apply to the C.I Department of Agriculture for consideration of the request.

APPENDIX II

Conditions Specific for Importation of Plantain Fruits (*Musa sp*) into the Cayman Islands

Farm Certification

- All consignments of plantain must originate from farms registered and certified by the Ministry of Agriculture in Jamaica.
- Farms should be working with standard commercial cultivation methods that complies with the principles of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) including pest control, harvesting, sorting, cleaning, inspection and packaging.

Production

- Only farms located in parishes where Moko or Bacterial Wilt disease *Ralstonia solanacearum* does NOT occur are eligible for export of fruit to the Cayman Islands.
- Farms must maintain an active Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programme in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture and/or the Jamaica Banana Board for the control of Black Sigatoka disease caused by the fungus *Mycosphaerella fijiensis*.
- Farms should maintain a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management programme in accordance with the recommendations from the Ministry of Agriculture and/or the Jamaica Banana Board for the control other associated pests such as mealy bugs, thrips and mites.

Post-Harvest Phytosanitary Treatments

All plantains for export to the Cayman Islands:

- Must be washed a 5% chlorine bleach (Sodium hypochlorite) solution, allow adequate time for the water to remove any insects, mites etc and to kill any fungal spores that may be on the surface of the plantain fingers.
- Cut ends of the hands and fingers must be treated the with an approved fungicide solution before packing them in new and labeled boxes.
- Hands must be removed from the peduncle and divided into 4 to 6 finger portions.
- Fresh fruits must be selected without cracks, mechanical damage and without pest or fungal attacks.

Packaging

Commodities must be packed in new unused standard size carton boxes with traceability label/brand of the producing farm.

Origin

Plantains can only be imported from the farms listed in the table below. Where an importer desire to import from any producer who is certified under the GLOBALG.A.P Certification programme but not currently listed in the table below they may apply to the C.I Department of Agriculture for consideration of the request.

Table 3: Showing List of Approved Farms for the Importation of Plantain Fruits (*Musa spp.*) into the Cayman Islands

Number	Name of Company/Farm	Location
1	Bodles Breeding Station	Bodles, St Catherine
2	CASE	Buff Bay, Portland
3	JP Tropical Foods	Aqualta Vale, St. Mary
4	Vincent Gardener	St. Mary
5	Vijay Smith	St. Catherine
6	Anthony Grant	Ebony Park, Agro Processing Facility, Clarendon
7	Hanif Brown	Ebony Park, Agro Processing Facility, Clarendon
8	Hugh Jones	Ebony Park, Agro Processing Facility, Clarendon
9	Michael Williams	Ebony Park, Agro Processing Facility, Clarendon
10	Wayne Henry	Ebony Park, Agro Processing Facility, Clarendon

APPENDIX III

Compliance Agreement

Export of Orchids Plants to the Cayman Islands

I, _____ of _____

hereby agree to the following conditions for the export of orchid plants to the Cayman Islands.

- 1) Plants must be grown under conditions in which good agricultural practices for growing orchid plants are observed. These include placing plants on raised benches, propagating plants in shade houses or in green houses and the observance of appropriate integrated pest management practices.
- 2) Records relating to phytosanitary activities such as treatments for pests and diseases must be kept.
- 3) A pesticide dip treatment must be done at least 7 days prior to shipping to include a registered/approved; insecticide, miticide, protectant fungicide and a liquid molluscicide.
- 4) Orchid plants can be exported in soilless growing media comprised of; washed rock, orchidata, sphagnum moss, charcoal, coir and/or perlite.
- 5) Orchid plants will not be accepted growing on wood/logs or in growing media that includes soil or other materials not listed in part 4.
- 6) Accommodate regular routine monitoring visits of Ministry of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Inspectors. All relevant phytosanitary treatment and records must be made available for inspection.
- 7) Agree to effect any recommendations for corrective measures made by Plant Quarantine Inspectors.

Signed: _____

Designation: _____

Date: _____ 20____