

## **Phytoquarantine regulations – SALIMA – International Food Fairs , Brno, February 17 - 20, 2016**

### **1. General conditions of exportation**

The consignments imported from third countries which are subject to a phytoquarantine inspection must be in harmony with the conditions of the imports of phytogenic goods and commodities laid down by the Act No. 326/2004 Coll. (hereinafter the Act only) and the Decree by the Ministry of Agriculture (MZe) No. 215/2008 Coll. on the measures taken against the introduction and spreading of harmful plant organisms and plant products as subsequently amended. The consignments which are subject to obligatory phytoquarantine inspection by the country of provenance in accordance with § 21 of the Act must be provided with a phytoquarantine certification and importers must be registered, in accordance with § 12, paragraph 1 of the Act, in the official register.

The plants, plant products or other objects, specified in the implementing legal regulation, which are imported to the Czech Republic from the third countries, must be subject to an importation phytoquarantine inspection carried out by the State Phytoquarantine Administration (SRS) in accordance with § 22 (required documents, sampling, appraisal of plant health condition and identification) in the places defined by § 25. As late as following this inspection the consignments are allowed to be released to a free circulation, to be actively and passively cultivated, updated under a customs supervision and temporarily used.

Also transport means, containers and packages used for consignment transportation are subject to a phytoquarantine inspection. Entry places, where a phytoquarantine inspection is made in the Czech Republic are as follows: the International Airport Prague-Ruzyně if airmailed and the Customs Post Office Prague 120 in case of a postal transport, International Airport Brno – Tuřany and International Airport Ostrava - Mošnov. All other inspections are carried out on EU outer frontiers. The whole or partial inspection of the health condition of the consignment or its part can be also made in its destination or close to it (BVV Brno Trade Fairs and Exhibitions) if the consignment or its part were sent to this place by a phytoquarantine administration in the entry place or by a legal authority of the EU member country. The new EU Commission decision 2013/92/EU reg. the control of the wooden packaging for imports of specific commodities from China (stone, granite) is valid until March 31, 2017.

The legislation of the Czech Republic is based on the Decree 2000/29/EC and other EU regulations.

**2. Exhibits (consignments) whose importers are obliged to be entered in a legal file (register) in accordance with § 12 of the Act and which can transmit serious harmful organisms dangerous for the whole Union must be provided with phytoquarantine certificates specified in Appendix No. 9 to the Decree, Section B, part I. Registration is also possible at the cartage in the entry place.**

**The following commodities are involved:**

1.1. All plants intended for cultivating (further limitations are based on Committee decisions)

1.2. The seed of

- Cruciferae, Graminae and *Trifolium* coming from Argentine, Australia, Bolivia, Chile, New Zealand and Uruguay
- *Triticum*, *Secale* and *Triticosecale* from Afghanistan, India, Iraq, Iran, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Republic of South Africa and the USA
- *Capsicum*, *Helianthus annuus*, *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*, *Medicago sativa*, *Prunus*, *Rubus*, *Oryza*, *Zea mays*, *Allium ascalonicum*, *Allium cepa*, *Allium porrum*, *Allium schoenoprasum* and *Phaseolus*, *Citrus*, *Fortunella* and *Poncirus*
- seed *Castanea*

1.3. Plant parts other than fruits and seed for sowing of the genera:

- *Castanea*, *Dendratherma*, *Dianthus*, *Gyrophila*, *Pelargonium*, *Phoenix*, *Populus*,

- Quercus, Solidago* and cut flowers of the families *Orchideaceae*,
- conifers (*Coniferales*)
- *Acer saccharum* coming from the USA and Canada,
- *Prunus* from non-European countries
- cut flowers *Aster, Eryngium, Hypericum, Lisianthus, Rosa* and *Trachelium* coming from non-European countries
  - greens *Apium graveolens, Ocimum, Limnophila* a *Eryngium*
  - leaf *Manihot esculenta*
- cut branches of the genera *Betula*
  - cut branches *Fraxinus, Juglans ailantifolia, Juglans mandshurica, Ulmus davidiana, Pterocarya rhoifolia* coming from China, Japan, Canada, Korea, DPRK, Mongolia, Russia, Taiwan and the USA
  - plant parts (except fruits and seeds) *Amiris, Casimiroa, Citropsis, Eremocitrus, Esenbeckia, Glycosmis, Merrillia, Naringi, Tetradium, Toddalia* a *Zanthoxylum*
  - plant parts (except fruits and seeds) *Aegle, Aeglopsis, Afraegle, Amyris, Atalantia, Balsamocitrus, Burkillanthus, Calodendrum, Choisy, Clausena, Limonia, Microcitrus, Murraya, Pamburus, Severinia, Swinglea, Triphasia* a *Vepris*

#### 1.4. Fruits

- *Citrus Fortunella, Poncirus* and their hybrids *Momordica* and *Solanum melongena* from all countries
- *Annona, Cydonia, Diospyros, Malus, Mangifera, Passiflora, Prunus, Psidium, Pyrus, Ribes, Syzygium* and *Vaccinium* coming from non-European countries

#### 1.5. Potato bulbs *Solanum tuberosum* (it is possible to import consumer potatoes from Lebanon)

#### 1.6. Separate bark

- with separate coniferous bark - (*Coniferales*) from non-European countries
- of sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), poplar (*Populus sp.*) and oak (*Quercus sp.*) other than *Quercus suber*
- *Fraxinus sp., Juglans mandshurica, Ulmus davidiana, Ulmus parviflora* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia* from Canada, China, Japan, Mongolia, Korea, Russia, Taiwan and the USA
  - bark *Fraxinus, Juglans ailantifolia, Juglans mandshurica, Ulmus davidiana* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia*
  - bark *Betula* coming from the USA and Canada

#### 1.7. Wood in accordance with § 2, paragraph 1, letter e) of the Act which

a) comes fully or partially from the given families, genera or plant sorts:

- *Quercus*, incl. square timber, coming from the USA
- *Platanus*, incl. square timber, coming from the USA or Armenia
- *Populus*, incl. square timber, coming from the countries of the American continent
- *Acer saccharum*, incl. square timber, coming from the USA and Canada
- conifers, incl. square timber coming from non-European countries – Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkey
- *Fraxinus sp., Juglans mandshurica, Ulmus Davidiana, Ulmus parviflora* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia*, coming from Canada, China, Japan, Mongolia, the Korean Republic, Russia, Taiwan and the USA
  - plane wood *Platanus* from Switzerland
  - wood *Fraxinus, Juglans ailantifolia, Juglans mandshurica, Ulmus davidiana* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia*
  - birch wood *Betula* coming from the USA and Canada

and

b) belongs to one of the given items in accordance with the Appendix 1, part 2 of the Decree by the Council No. 2658/87 of July 23, 1987 on Customs and Statistical Nomenclature and on a joint rate tariff (code ex 4407 99 is cancelled and

substituted by new codes ex 4407 93, ex 4407 95, ex 4407 99, the whole wording being given in the decree)

#### Changes:

KN code "ex 4401 30 40" was replaced by "ex 4401 39 30"

KN code "ex 4401 30 80" was replaced by "ex 4401 39 80"

A new entry was incorporated with regard to hitherto unincorporated birch wood species (*Betula*):

4403 99 51 - Saw logs of birch wood (*Betula* L.), raw, stripped of bark and sapwood, or roughly trimmed

4403 99 59 - birch wood (*Betula* L.), raw, stripped of bark and sapwood, or roughly trimmed, other than saw logs

Also included, an item of hitherto unincorporated coniferous wood not exceeding 6 mm thickness to protect against the introduction of pine wood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*):

4408 10 - leaves of coniferous wood for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, also planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm

Also wood wholly or partly of conifers, except bark-free wood originating from European third countries, and chestnut (*Castanea*), apart from bark-free wood, here the CN code "ex 4401 30" was replaced by "ex 4401 39 80"

1.8. with soil and cultivation substrata and with soil and cultivation substrata which remained on plants or were connected with them – coming from Turkey, Belarus, Georgia, Moldavia, Russia, Ukraine and non-European countries other than Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia

1.9 with wheat grain (*Triticum sp.*), triticale (*Triticosecale*) and corn (*Secale sp.*) coming from Afghanistan, India, Iraq, Iran, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA

Also the following plants, plant products and other objects imported to the protected zone and transferred inside it must be provided with phytoquarantine certificates irrespective of the plants, plant products and other objects listed in the above paragraphs (a list of protected zones can be obtained at SRS workplaces). A List of commodities subject to an inspection, when entering protected zones is given in the Appendix No. 9, part B, section II of the Decree. The Czech Republic is a protected zone for *Cryphonetria parasitica* – commodity timber, except for bark-free timber and the *Castanea* bark itself, and *Grapevine Flavescence doreé mycoplasma*, commodity of the plant *Vitis sp.* except the fruits and seed for sowing (plants *Vitis sp.* being imported from third countries (with the exception of Switzerland) is forbidden).

### 3. Commodities whose importation is prohibited

Plants, plant products or other objects may be released to a free circulation unless they are attacked or contaminated by harmful organisms listed in Appendix No. 1, Section A or B, or by harmful organisms whose importation and spreading are prohibited if they appear in certain plants, plant products as designated in Appendix No. 2, Section A or B, unless they are plants, plant products or other objects listed in Appendix No. 3, Section A or B coming from the countries given in the same section of this Appendix, or if they are plants, plant products or other objects referred to in Appendix No. 4, if they do not meet special demands defined in the same Section of this Appendix and consignments which are not provided with phytoquarantine certificates in accordance with § 23 of the Act.

#### 4. Special requirements

Special requirements for imported and transferred consignments are listed in Appendix No. 4, a competent authority of the phytoquarantine service of the exporting country confirms, whether the special demands are met by making out a phytoquarantine certificate, and if preparations for plant protection are involved, also by completing the section "Disinfection or disinfection treatment" of this certificate.

By the Amendment of this part of the Decree, several changes concerning wooden packaging material took place (see paragraph 7), imports of the timber *Fraxinus sp.*, *Juglans mandshurica*, *Ulmus davidiana*, *Ulmus parviflora* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia*, separate bark *Fraxinus sp.*, *Juglans mandshurica*, *Ulmus davidiana*, *Ulmus parviflora* and *Pterocarya rhoifolia*, then also imports of the plants *Ulmus sp.*, from North-American countries, imports of consumer potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*), plants *Dendranthema* and *Lycopersicon lycopersicum*, plants *Palmae* intended for cultivation. Specific requirements depend on the commodity imported.

**5. For a return transport of the exhibits or if they are sold** to a third country, State Phytoquarantine Administration will make out a phytoquarantine certificate at the request of the exhibitor.

**6. Further requirements** regarding imports are given by decree of State Phytoquarantine Administration – further SRS (copying EU legislation).

As an example we give decisions relating to the import of consumer potatoes (for the complete list visit the web pages of SRS):

- SRS provisions against the spread of pests of brown rot from Egypt – an annually issued SRS provision for import of seed potatoes from Egypt in the given season
- SRS decision - extraordinary phytoquarantine measures against introducing and spreading harmful organism Potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd), causal agent of spindle shaping potato tubers (bulbs), No. SRS 008784/2007.

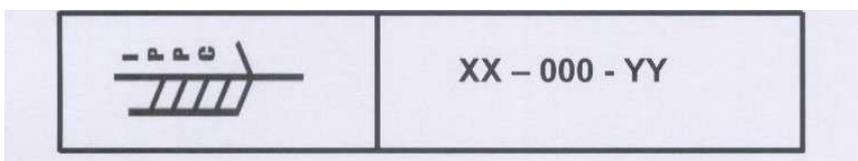
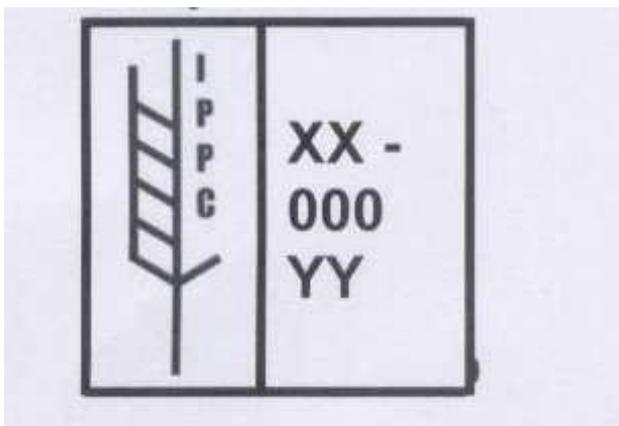
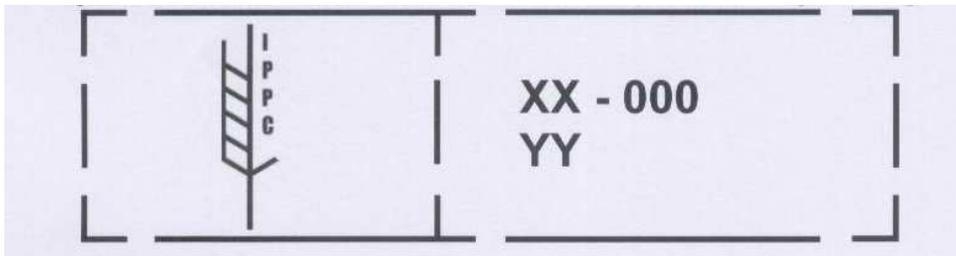
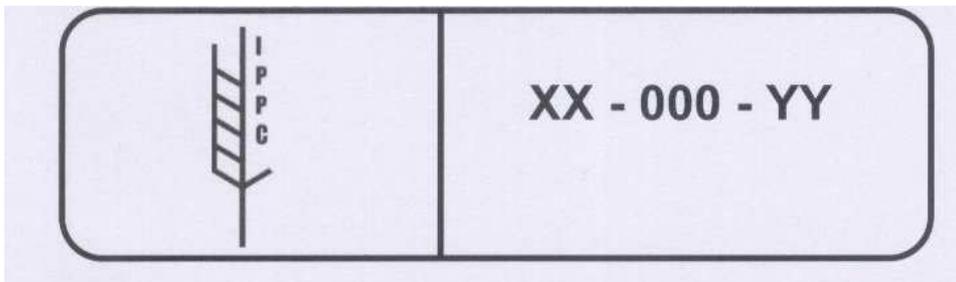
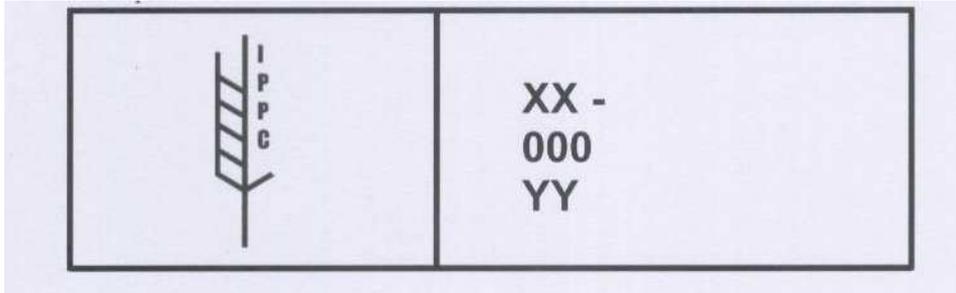
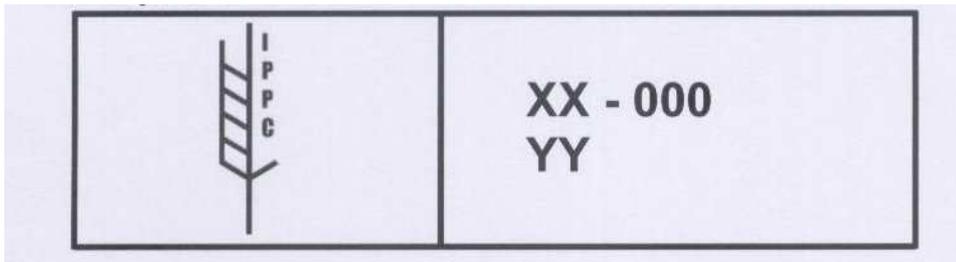
**7. Wooden packing material** in the form of pack boxes, crates, boxes, barrels and similar wooden packing materials, pallets, fence pallets and other shipping underlayments, pallet extender frames used for transportation of goods of all kinds, with the exception of raw wood, thickness of which is 6mm or smaller, and wood processed with glue, heat or pressure, or their combination, origin of which is in third countries, and wood used for clenching and support of loads not containing wood (including squared wood), with the exception of raw wood, thickness of which is 6mm or smaller, and wood processed with glue, heat or pressure, or their combination, origin of which is in third countries excluding Switzerland must be:

- bark-free except an arbitrary number of individual bark residues whose width (of arbitrary length) must not exceed three cm or, if wider than 3 cm, its surface must not exceed 50 cm<sup>2</sup>,
- treated by one of the approved methods defined in Appendix 1 to the International Standard FAO for phytosanitary measures No. 15 Instructions regulating wooden packaging material in international trade (Amendment in 2009 and 2013) and
- provided with the symbol in accordance with the Appendix II of the International Standard FAO for phytosanitary measures No. 15 Instructions regulating wooden packaging material in international trade which confirms that the wooden packaging material was subject to the approved treatment (Amendment of symbol shapes in 2009 and 2013).

Three methods of treatment are allowed:

thermal treatment of wooden packages (at 56°C for at least 30 min.) – HT, abbreviation and fumigation by methyl bromide – MB, microwave radiation treatment – DH (from April 2013).

Accepted patterns of symbols:



Controls of wooden packaging material will be exercised at random and unless the wooden packaging material does not undergo the approved treatment, it will be treated according to the approval or liquidated.

Attention drawn to wooden packaging material transferred from Portugal:

- since January 1, 2010 untreated and non- designated wooden packaging material made of softwood in form of pallets, box pallets and other transport cases, adjusting pallet frames, box cases, small cases (except cases made of wood, 6 mm or less thick), containers, drums and similar packages, or as commodities themselves and also wood used for load wedging or supporting must not leave the territory of Portugal
- EU member countries carry out official controls of these packages, involving sampling and can stop the consignment. In this case the transport can be several days delayed.

#### **8. Trade within EU countries**

Appendix No. 9, part A, paragraph I and II (protected zones) defines plants, plant products and other objects which must not be transferred on the territories of the EU member countries, unless they themselves, their packages or transport means are provided with a phytoquarantine permit or a spare phytoquarantine permit. Restrictions in SRS decisions (see paragraph 6) also relate to business carried out within EU countries. Restriction concerns e. g. fruits of plants Citrus sp., Fortunella sp., Poncirus sp. and their hybrids transported with stalks and leafs and consumer potatoes.

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