

Conditions of entry (Continued) Orchid Seedlings

02. The consignment should be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued under the authority the official National Plant Protection Organization of the exporting country, within 14 days prior to dispatch, and with declarations:-
 - i On the country of origin of the seedlings,
 - ii On scientific names of the plants including varieties and hybrids
 - iii To the effect that the seedlings are appropriately treated with a wide spectrum of fungicide and insecticide mixture before dispatch.
03. The phytosanitary certificate shall also contain additional declarations to prove that:
 - i Seedlings are free of phytophagous mites, parasitic nematodes and injurious insects (naturally or by treatment)
 - ii Seedlings were grown on a soilless medium and,
 - iii Seedlings are tested and found free from virus diseases with special reference to Cymbidium ringspot tomosvirus, Dendrobium vein necrosis 'closterovirus', orchid fleck rhabdovirus, Tomato Spotted wilt tospovirus, Vanilla mosaic potyvirus and Vanilla necrosis potyvirus.
04. Seedlings should be free of soil, plant debris and **coconut husk as a substrate**.
05. **Height of the seedlings should not exceed 25cm** and the plants must be without flower buds.
06. At the port of entry,
 - i. the consignment shall be inspected by a Plant Quarantine Officer and shall be subjected to treatment or other suitable disposal if deemed necessary by him.
 - ii. Plant Quarantine Officer should make with endorsement with the actual quantity of imports on the permit issued by National Plant Quarantine Office, Katunayake.
07. Entry into Sri Lanka may be denied for consignment of seedlings
 - i Which have been imported without required certificates or
 - ii Which, in the opinion of the Plant Quarantine Officer carry a dangerous pest, disease or weed.
08. The importer is required to grow the plants in isolation at his premises under insect- proof screen house conditions during the post entry quarantine period and shall inform to the Additional Director (N.P.Q.S.), Canada Friendship Road, Katunayake about any abnormal symptoms appearing in the plants during such period.
09. Within 03 weeks after the entry of seedlings into Sri Lanka and their planting (re 8 above) the importer must inform the health status of the plants to the Additional Director N.P.Q.S
10. **The importer should strictly follow the above conditions of 08 and 09**