

Conditions of entry (Continued).....Normal

2. The consignment should be covered by following certifications:
 - 2.1 Orange certificate of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) issued by the official seed certification agency of the country of export confirming that the seeds are within the standards set by the Department of Agriculture, Sri Lanka. (From those countries that do not have ISTA representation, the certificate from the official seed certification agency of the central/federal government should be submitted)The test report should contain declarations to show:
 - i. Lot number and quantity
 - ii. Genetic and physical purity of seeds with specific details of contaminants, if any,
 - iii. That seed water content does not exceed the maximum and,
 - iv. That seeds have been sampled by the official seed certification agency and tested by a seed testing laboratory approved by the government of the exporting country.
 - 2.2 A phytosanitary certificate (model of International Plant Protection Convention) issued within 14 days prior to dispatch and under the authority of the official National Plant Protection Organization of the country of export. It should contain declarations:
 - i. On botanical names of the seeds including varieties and hybrids,
 - ii. On the place and country of origin of the seeds and,
 - iii. On any seed treatment.(See 7 & 8 below for additional declarations required)
 - 2.3 Certificate of origin issued by the chamber of commerce of country of export.
 - 2.4 Packing list and bill of lading
3. Seeds must be securely packaged to prevent spillage in transit. Every seed container must bear information on the crop, variety and seed treatment, if any, name and address of supplier and lot number.
4. On the arrival of the consignment at the port of entry, the importer must inform the details of the import to:
 - i. Officer – in- charge, Seed Certification Service, P.O. Box 03,Peradeniya and ,
 - ii. Plant quarantine officer at the port of entry.
5. At the port of entry, the consignment shall be inspected by a Plant quarantine Officer and/or a representative from National Plant Quarantine Service of Department of Agriculture. If deemed necessary by plant quarantine officer, the consignment shall be subjected to treatment or other suitable disposal.
6. Entry in to Sri Lanka may be denied for consignments of seeds:
 - i. Which do not confirm to labeling requirements (re 3 above),
 - ii. Which have been imported without required certificates or,
 - iii. Which, in the opinion of the plant quarantine officer, carry a dangerous pest, disease or weed.