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1. Name of Importer/ Exporter.....
2. Village..... Geog Dzongkhag.....
3. Location of farm.....
4. Source of product/ Products.....
5. Point of Import.....
6. Acreage of the site inspected.....
- 7.Type of Inspection- Initial/Surveillance
8. Date of inspection:
9. Duration: Start time:..... End time:.....
10. Name of the inspector(s):

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Clause no.	Requirements	Y	N	NA	Evidence/ Remarks
1. General Requirements:					
i	Accompany Import Permit				
2. Declaration and Inspections at entry points					
i	At arrival at the point of entry, The consignment must be declared and shall be accompanied with following relevant documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Import Permit ● Phytosanitary Certificate ● Treatment certificate where applicable for regulated articles including soil, packaging materials and equipment 				
ii	BFDA Inspector at the entry point shall; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carry out Physical inspection of consignments to verify the identity and integrity of the consignment ● Completed import inspection form ● Completed detention and seizure form for non-fulfilment of requirements ● Destruction form ● Release form if fulfilled 				

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iii	Check BFDA office at a designated entry points shall be equipped with necessary inspection facilities, tools and equipment.				
3. Phytosanitary Measures					
i	Carry out visual inspection of consignment for regulated pest, signs and symptoms of pest and disease, and organism for which phytosanitary risks are not yet determined(complete Import inspection form).				
ii	May draw and examine representative sample from the consignment and conduct necessary test for post entry quarantine decision.				
iii	<i>Sorting and reconfiguring:</i> The affected products may be removed by sorting and reconfiguring the consignment including repackaging if appropriate.				
iv	<i>Treatment.</i> Wherever necessary the consignment may be subject to further treatment and/ or quarantine for required duration. The consignments shall be forwarded to appropriate stations and relevant agencies for analysis.				
v	The consignments which do not meet Phytosanitary requirements such as interception of quarantine pest or				

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	disease or associated quarantine risks shall be detained for removal. In such case, a detention notice shall be served to the client(detention and seizure form).				
vi	Reshipment: The non-complying consignment may be rejected for entry in the country and shipped back to the country of origin at the cost of traders.				
vii	Destruction: The consignment shall be destroyed in cases where high risk pest and diseases or organism presenting imminent danger of establishment (Destruction from) spread is detected.				
viii	The cost of expenses related to the entire activities for plant quarantine services, detention, seizure, destruction shall be borne by the importer.				
ix	Upon release of the consignment after meeting the quarantine requirement				
x	Check inspection form (Annexure 3) and maintain the records				
4. Non-compliance					
i	The import of plants and plant products without Import Permit				
ii	Failure to declare plants or related products at the entry points				
iii	Detection of a Quarantine Pest associated with consignments				

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iv	Evidence of failure to meet prescribed requirements (including bilateral agreements or arrangements, or import permit conditions) such as field inspection, laboratory tests, registration of producers or facilities, lack of pest monitoring or surveillance				
v	The interception of a consignment with detection of undeclared commodities, soil or some other prohibited article or evidence of failure of specified treatments.				
vi	Phytosanitary Certificate or other required documentation are invalid or incomplete.				
vii	Presence of prohibited consignments or regulated articles				
viii	Failure to meet “in-transit” measures.				
Recommendation:					

Clause no.	Requirements	Y	N	NA	Evidence/ Remarks
Import of tissue cultured plant					
i	Packed in clear glass or plastic container, or the container with clear agar medium				

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ii	Restrictions and conditions for import of germplasm including vegetative planting material and seed (refer Schedule IV and Schedule V of the standard)				
iii	Import of plant products from other countries as provided in Schedule XIII of this Rules shall be prohibited from entry, except upon fulfilment of the conditions specified there under.				
iv	Import permitted list which are released and notified by the National Seed Board of the Seed Act of Bhutan, 2000 (Annexure)				
Import of fresh fruits and vegetables					
i	Require an import permit from BFDA (Schedule II)				
ii	No permit shall be required for the import of dried, frozen, processed or candied fruits and vegetables, if such fruits and vegetables are unsuitable for propagation or innocuous as pest carriers. However, Import permit requirement for such products shall be in compliance with the Food Rules and Regulations of Bhutan, 2017 or any other applicable laws.				
iii	Specific prohibitions with regard to fruit flies of quarantine importance to Bhutan and their distribution (refer Schedule VIII of the standard)				
iv	Any quarantine risk is suspected or notified in the exporting country				

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Import of Soil					
i	Import approval of Minister, MoAL				
ii	Import of soil for special occasion/purpose				
iii	Import of soil by Research institutions for scientific and research purpose				
iv	Potted plant with soil for public and private purpose				
v	Soil imports Limited to small sample				
vi	Soil are Transported in sturdy, tightly sealed container				
vii	Soil sterilized or treated and accompanied by a certificate or test report from the accredited laboratories				
viii	Soil must be sterilized or otherwise treated to remove the quarantine risk at the conclusion of the tests for Rule 25(2).				
ix	Import of soil with quarantine risk shall be treated and disposed off at the cost of importer. The imported plant shall be released based on the phytosanitary status and upon replacement of appropriate potting medium.				
x	A special permit shall be granted for import of soil under Rule 25(1) and (3).				
Import of biological control agent					
i	The import permit issued by BFDA for import of any biological control agent into Bhutan.				
ii	Importing research institutes shall comply with the necessary safeguards conditions to protect the crops of Bhutan from the establishment of the biological control agent as a pest.				

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Import of wood				
i	Import of any plant and plant products shall be declared at the point of entry and shall be subject to quarantine.			
ii	No consignment of wood derived from those tree species listed under schedule VI shall be imported into Bhutan unless the prescribed conditions are fulfilled.			
iii	DoFPS shall issue import permit for import of wood based on the phytosanitary requirements prescribed by BFDA.			
iv	All wood imported shall be accompanied with PSC issued by NPPO of the exporting country.			
v	The import of wood shall be fumigated or treated prior to import as per the standard procedure duly approved by the NPPO of the exporting country, and such treatment shall be endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate.			
ix	All the consignment shall be physically inspected on board prior to unloading at the point of entry by the inspector and, if necessary, fumigated/treated to remove the quarantine risk at the cost of importer			
Import of wood packaging materials				
i	Import of any package shall be declared at the point of entry and shall be subject to quarantine.			
ii	Any import of wood packaging material with or without consignment shall be fumigated or treated prior to import and			

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	such treatment shall be endorsed on the phytosanitary certificate.				
iii	Notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 38 of this Rules, the exemption for import of wood packaging materials shall be as provided in Schedule XV.				
iv	Any wood packaging material detected to be infested with pest due to ineffective treatment and improper or multiple marks shall be liable for detention and removal of non-compliant materials or treatment or transport back to the exporting country, or dispose off at the cost of importer.				
Recommendation:					

Sign and name of Inspector

Sign and name of Importer

Sign and name of Team Members

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