



PLANT HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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BELIZE PROTOCOL FOR THE IMPORTATION OF APPLE (*Malus sp.*) SEEDLINGS FROM THE USA

Introduction

The following protocol hereby gives a clear understanding of the requirements and conditions for the importation of the plants and/or plant products covered by this protocol. The Exporter and Importer must bear in mind that the introduction of any pest of economical importance can be very devastating to the economy due to additional investments in management, control and eradication programmes that the country has to execute for established pests.

Country of Origin of seedlings: **United States of America**

Intended use of seedlings: **For Planting**

Declared Source of seedlings: **Kuffel Nursery, Riverside, California, USA**

General Information

This may be cited as the **Protocol for the importation of Apple (*Malus sp.*)** seedlings from the United States of America. All other plant and plant product, mode of transportation, and propagation material that are **not** contemplated in this protocol are subject to normal application and permit procedures. As established by the IPGRI of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations or other International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures, the following will be adopted as general recommendations:

Documents Required for Importation

- Import permit issued by the Plant Health Department of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.
- Phytosanitary certificate from country of origin from NPPO or other approved body.
- Support documentation as may be requested on the import permit.
- Existing protocol for presentation to Officers at the Point of Entry

Phytosanitary Conditions

- ❑ Seedlings must be free of soil
- ❑ Seedlings must be free from pests
- ❑ Seedlings must be declared free from: Pacific flathead borer - *Chrysobothris mali*; Fireblight - *erwinia amylovora*; Powdery Mildew –*Podosphaera leucotricha*; Scab – *Venturia inaequalis*
- ❑ Seedlings must be treated with appropriate broad spectrum fungicide and insecticide at least three days prior to shipment. Details of this should be stated on the phytosanitary certificate or on another official document.
- ❑ Seedlings must be from a certified source in the country of origin.
- ❑ Package containing seedlings must be properly sealed and labeled.

Inspection procedures upon arrival

- ❑ Verification of import documents
- ❑ Verification of quantity which must not exceed the declared quantity stated on the permit
- ❑ Inspection at port of entry (by Quarantine and Plant Health Officials)

Site Inspection

- ❑ Intended nursery site and planting site must be declared prior to the importation of seedlings into the country of Belize.
- ❑ Nursery site and planting sites will be visited and inspected by Plant Health Officers during the phenological development of the plants for the verification of plant pest status.

Non-compliance

Shipments that do not meet the requirements or are found to be infested with **Potential Quarantine Pests** may be:

- ❑ **Refused entry**
- ❑ Returned to origin,
- ❑ Or disposed of at the importer's expense.

Note: The importer is responsible for all costs relating to inspection, treatment, disposal or removal, including cost incurred by BAHA to monitor the action taken.

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