

## **Draft “Regulations for Quarantine of Plant Regulated Articles Export and Import by Mail”**

( In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof,  
the Chinese text shall govern )

### Article 1

These regulations are established in accordance with Article 21.1 of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Act (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”).

### Article 2

Plant regulated articles listed below exported and imported by mail must be conducted in accordance with these regulations:

1. For exporting: when the importing country requests a quarantine certificate in accordance with the first paragraph of Article 20 of the Act and the mailing plants are seeds less than 1 kilogram, bulbs less than 3 kilograms, or plants and other plant products less than 10 kilograms.
2. For importing: when it is consistent with the requirements under the provision of the third paragraph of Article 17 of the Act.

When the plants or plant products to be exported exceed the weight specified by the preceding paragraph, it must be conducted in accordance with the quarantine procedure for general goods.

### Article 3

When the importing country requests a quarantine certificate in accordance with

the first paragraph of Article 20 of the Act for plant regulated articles to be exported by mail, before exportation, the sender may complete an application form, enclose identification documents, and prepare plant regulated articles to file a quarantine application with the local plant quarantine authority.

If the quarantine result of the plant regulated articles by the local plant quarantine authority under the preceding paragraph does not show any pest infestation and the requirements of the importing country are satisfied, the local plant quarantine authority will issue a quarantine tag. However, if any of the following conditions applies, a phytosanitary certificate for export may be issued:

1. The importing country requests the issuance of a phytosanitary certificates.
2. The importing country requests a declaration of quarantine conditions.
3. The importing country requests a statement about quarantine treatment.

#### Article 4

When plant regulated articles are imported by mail in accordance with subparagraph 2 of the third paragraph of Article 17 of the Act, the recipient must complete an application form and file an application for approval of entry with the local plant quarantine authority.

If the information in the application form of the preceding paragraph is incomplete, the local plant quarantine authority should notify the recipient to make supplemental submission before the deadline. If the supplemental submission is not made before the deadline, or if the information remains

incomplete after supplemental submission, the application will not be processed. Only after the local plant quarantine authority reviews, approves, and issues an import approval for the plant regulated articles mentioned in the first paragraph to be imported may the recipient import or notify the sender to export the plant regulated articles by mail in accordance with the approval details.

Within the validity period of one year of the import approval of the date of issuance, the recipient may import or notify the sender to export the plant regulated articles by mail in accordance with the approval details many times during the validity period. After the validity period expires, the recipient must file a new application in accordance with the first paragraph.

#### Article 5

For plant regulated articles imported by mail in accordance with the provision of the third paragraph of Article 17 of the Act, the names of the contents must be clearly specified on the packaging.

When an import approval is acquired in accordance with the preceding article, the import approval document must be attached to the package.

#### Article 6

Plant regulated articles imported by mail can only be imported by mail after an on-site quarantine inspection to confirm the compliance with the requirements of the third paragraph of Article 17 of the Act by the local plant quarantine

authority. If the requirements are not satisfied, the plant regulated articles will be reshipped or destroyed, and the local plant quarantine authority will complete a notification and notify the recipient.

For plant regulated articles that may be imported by mail in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the postal authority will cooperate with the local plant quarantine authority and notify the recipient to file a quarantine application with the authority. The recipient must complete an application form on a batch by batch basis and enclose identification documents to file a quarantine application with the local plant quarantine authority. If the local plant quarantine authority deems it necessary, the recipient must be at the inspection site and participate in the quarantine inspection.

Importation is allowed only if the result of quarantine inspection of the preceding paragraph complies with the quarantine requirements of the Republic of China. If the requirements are not satisfied, quarantine measures will be undertaken such as requesting the submission of properly corrected phytosanitary certificates within a specified time limit, quarantine treatment, post-entry quarantine, reshipment, or destruction in accordance with Articles 14, 16 and 19 of the Act. The local plant quarantine authority must notify the recipient with an official form.

## Article 7

These regulations become effective on June 20, 2019.