

# Draft of the “Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Growing Media”

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

1. Importation of growing media shall comply with the following quarantine requirements.
2. The scope of growing media to which the quarantine requirements apply is as follows:
  - 2.1 Peat moss and its products, peat and its products, bark and its products, snakewood and its products, sphagnum moss (including mosses) and its products, and coconut shell and its products.
  - 2.2 Articles belonging to the following Commodity Classification Code (C.C.C. code) in the “Customs Import Tariff Classification of Import & Export Commodities”:
    - 2.2.1 31059000900 (other fertilizers).
    - 2.2.2 38249953006 (prepared plant growing media).
    - 2.2.3 25309099204 (worked soils specified in Subheading Note 1 of Chapter 25 (for example, akadama soils, etc.)).
    - 2.2.4 38249999707 (worked soils (based on soils, heat-treated not exceeding 800 degrees Celsius)).
3. When the growing media are imported, the importer or its representing agent must submit an export phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country to prove that it is new and unused, and is free of soil.
4. When the growing media mentioned in Item 2.1, 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of Article 2 are imported, in addition to Article 3, the export phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country shall

further prove that the growing media are inspected and found free from pests, seeds, and other plant debris, or have been processed with appropriate quarantine treatment before export. Besides, such quarantine treatment procedure, chemical name, concentration, treatment temperature and time shall be stated.

5. When the growing media mentioned in Item 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 of Article 2 are imported, in addition to Article 3, the following requirements must also be complied with:
  - 5.1 The phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country shall state the following items:
    - 5.1.1 Product name, manufacturer's name, and address.
    - 5.1.2 The temperature and time of processing (temperature must exceed 200 degrees Celsius, for at least 30 minutes).
    - 5.1.3 There is no contamination from harmful organisms and soil during the processing and packaging processes.
  - 5.2 The product name, and manufacturer's name and address on the label of the smallest packaging unit of the product shall be consistent with the phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country.
6. When the growing media mentioned in Item 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 of Article 2 do not comply with Article 5, the importer shall comply with the following requirements:
  - 6.1 If the phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country does not accompany or the certified items of the exporting country are not in compliance with the regulations, the phytosanitary authority shall request the importer to make corrections within a specified time limit, and those who have failed to make such

corrections or given up making corrections during the period cannot import such items.

- 6.2 If the label on the smallest package unit of the product does not conform to the items listed in the phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country, it shall not be imported.