

# AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

**DIRECTORATE: INSPECTION SERVICES**

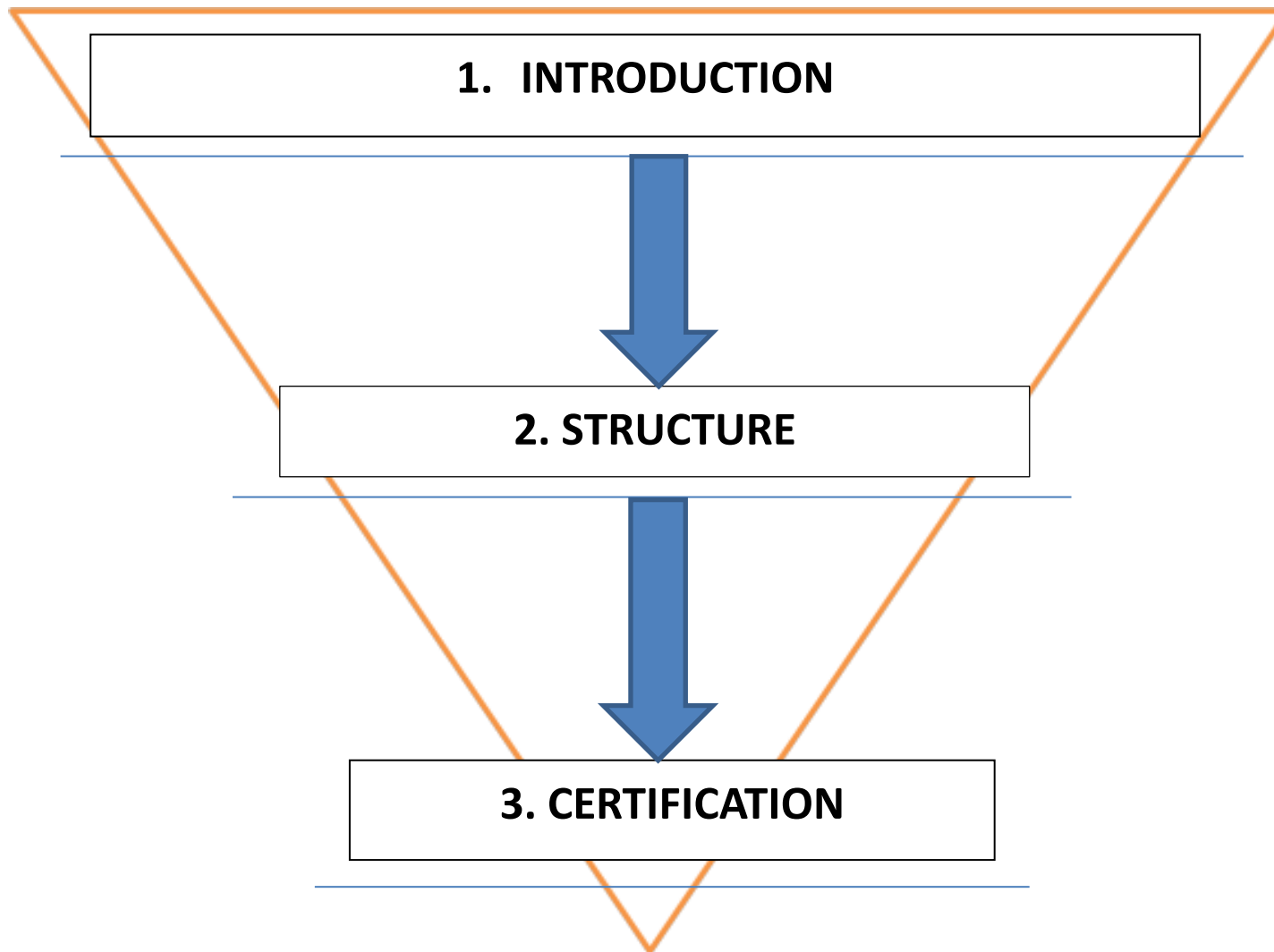
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# INTRODUCTION

## ❑ Responsibilities of Directorate: Inspection Services

- ✓ To provide leadership, guidance and support in ensuring compliance with agricultural legislation and regulatory frameworks and overseeing the effective implementation of risk management strategies and plans for regulated agricultural products, with the aim of minimizing pest and diseases entering the territory of South Africa at ports of entry and national **by conducting regulatory compliance and monitoring interventions**

**through:**

- Quarantine ( official isolation areas for imported plants and animals to monitor pests and diseases),
- Inspections,
- Surveillance and
- Testing.



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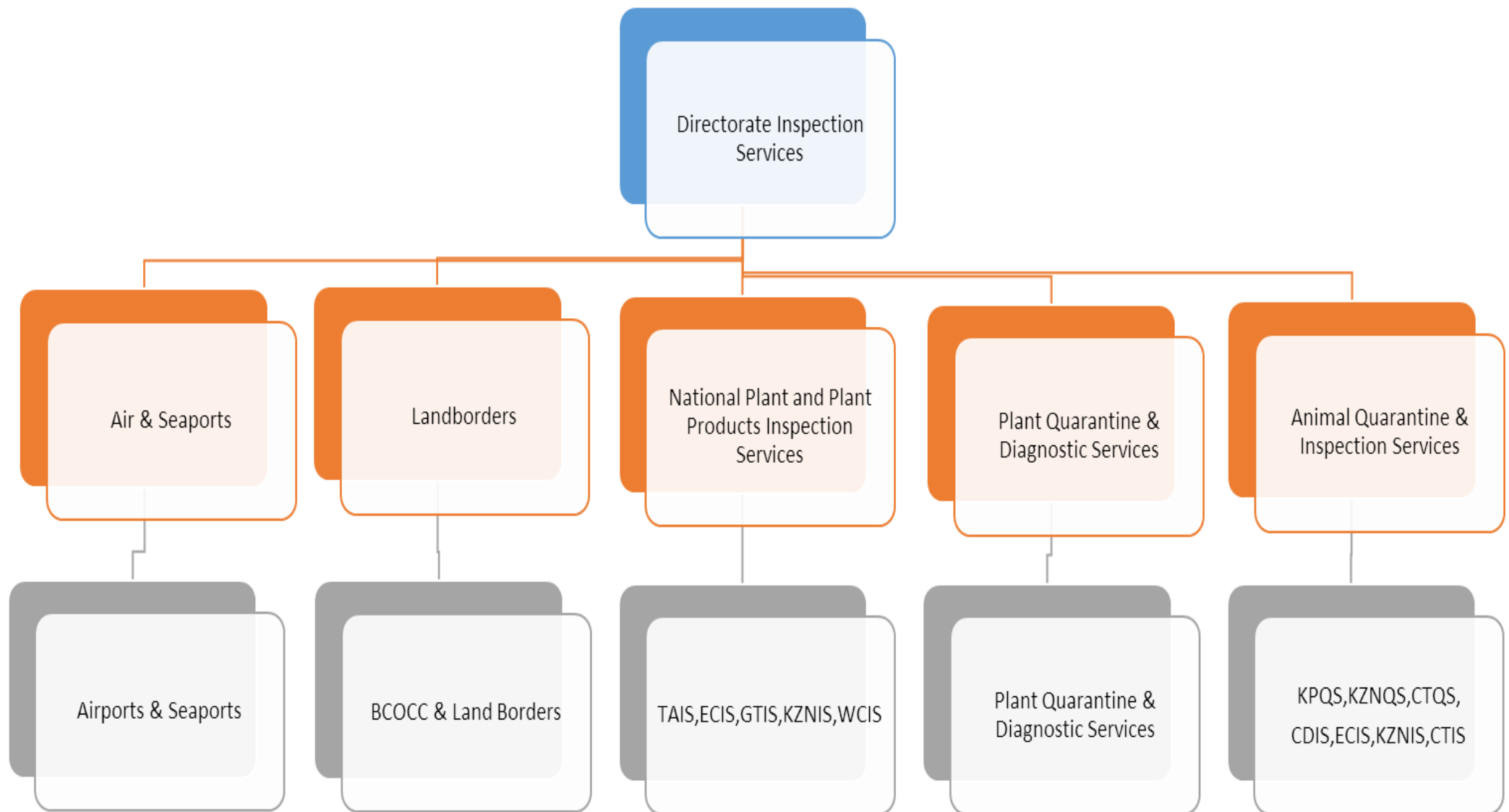
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# STRUCTURE OF DIRECTORATE: INSPECTION SERVICES

❑ **THE DIRECTORATE: INSPECTION SERVICES (DIS) HAS FIVE SUB DIRECTORATES NAMELY;**

- ✓ Air and Seaports,
- ✓ Land Border Ports,
- ✓ National Plant and Plant Products Inspection Services(NPPPIs),
- ✓ Plant Quarantine and Diagnostic Services (PH&DS) and
- ✓ Animal Quarantine and Inspection Services(AQIS)

# ORGANOGRAM OF INSPECTION SERVICES



# FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY AIR, SEA & LAND BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY

- ☐ Inspection with regard to plants, animals and their products for import/exports – enforcement of 18 pieces of legislations and importing conditions of trading partners,
- ☐ Detain (samples maybe taken for testing), destroy, decontaminate or release for import consignments,
- ☐ Supervise the treatment of imported consignments,
- ☐ Control the disposal of waste at official land border ports of entry

## FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY NPPPIIS

- ☐ Inspections with regard to Plant Health, quality and food hygiene,
- ☐ Audits and inspections on the health status of plants and plant products,
- ☐ Audits of the certification inspections of plants and plant products to manage risk, and
- ☐ Plant pest surveys and eradication programs

# FUNCTIONS OF PLANT DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

- ❑ Rendering diagnostic support services in the testing and identification of pests on plant material and plant products that are imported, exported, surveyed or controlled.
- ❑ Samples are collected by DIS officials and forwarded to the DIS laboratories for analysis
- ❑ There is also a seed laboratory in Pretoria testing germination and purity of seeds.



# EXPORT CERTIFICATION

❑ Export certification conducted at :

- ✓ All ports of entry – Air, sea and land borders
- ✓ Farms – production sites/orchards
- ✓ Packing houses/facilities
- ✓ Warehouses
- ✓ Client premises

❑ Offices located at land borders, seaports, airports and 4 regional offices (Western Cape, KZN, Eastern Cape and Gauteng) with satellite offices

❑ Clients are:

- ✓ Producers, exporters, forwarding agents, researchers/scientists, Associations, Assignees



# EXPORT PROCEDURES/ CONDITIONS

## ❑ Phytosanitary conditions:

- ✓ Import permit (African countries, Malaysia, Seychelles etc.)
- ✓ Directive (EU, India, Turkey etc.)
- ✓ Official letter from the NPPO
- ✓ Protocols (Bi/ Multi-lateral agreements) (China, Japan, South Korea etc.)

## BILATERAL, DIRECTIVE & IMPORT PERMIT COUNTRIES

BI-LATERALS (SPECIAL MARKETS)	DIRECTIVES	PERMITS
<p>CHINA: Apples/Citrus/Grapes</p> <p>KOREA: Citrus</p> <p>TAIWAN: Apples</p> <p>THAILAND: Citrus &amp; Grapes</p> <p>USA: Apples/Pears/Grapes/Citrus</p> <p>JAPAN: Table Grapes and Citrus</p> <p>ISRAEL: Table Grape &amp; Persimmons</p> <p>NEW ZEALAND: Green Beans</p> <p>MEXICO: Apples &amp; Pears</p>	<p>EU</p> <p>REUNION</p> <p>INDONESIA</p> <p>MONTENEGRO</p> <p>TURKEY</p> <p>INDIA</p>	<p>Most of AFRICAN COUNTRIES</p> <p>MAURITIUS</p> <p>MAYOTTE</p> <p>PAKISTAN</p> <p>SEYCHELLES</p> <p>SRI-LANKA</p> <p>VIETNAM</p>



# EXPORT PROCEDURES

## ❑ Examples of phytosanitary import conditions:

- The consignment was inspected and found free from .....
- The consignment was tested (method may be specified) and found free from .....
- The growing media in which the plants were grown was tested prior to planting and found free from.....
- .....(Name of pest(s)) is absent/not known to occur in .....(name of country/area)
- The consignment was produced in a:
  - \* pest free area for..... (name of
  - \* pest free place of production for ..... (name of pest(s))
  - \* pest free production site for ..... (name of pest(s))



# EXPORT PROCEDURES

## ❑ IMPORTANT POINTS TO KNOW BEFORE EXPORTING:

### ✓ **FOR FRESH FRUITS:**

- **FBO** CODE (Food Business Operator Code)
  - **PUC** ( Producer Unit Code)
  - **PHC** (Pack House Code)
  
  - ✓ **DAFF WEBSITE-** [www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za): → Branches → Agricultural Production Health & Food Safety → Food Safety & Quality Assurance → Food Business Operator Codes
  - ✓ **The PUC and PHC must be registered before you to export**, go to [www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za) → Branches → Agricultural Production Health & Food Safety → Plant Health → Exporting from SA → Phytosanitary registration for special markets
- ❑ Plants and Plant Products (other than fruits): Needs **import permit/directive** from Importing Country



# EXPORT PROCEDURES

- ❑ Export of citrus to the EU markets – pack house managers, exporters and forwarding agents to also register and attend pre-season citrus workshops with Inspection Services. EU CBS and FMS risk management systems in place. Recently EU enforced Fruit Fly control on fresh fruit and vegetables.
- ❑ To consult the DALRRD website: [www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za) → Branches → Agricultural Production Health & Food Safety → Inspection Services or Plant Health
- ❑ Application forms for the various registrations (pack house managers, exporters and forwarding agents), field inspections and application for phytosanitary certificates together with the contact details for the Inspection Services are available under the link “Inspection Services”
- ❑ For protocols on fresh fruit export markets, registrations, databases are available under the link “Plant Health”



# EXPORT PROCEDURES

- ❑ Inspection Services to conduct inspections for fresh fruit/vegetables exports at registered production units/ orchards, pack houses and inspections points - confirm with regional or satellite office
- ❑ Perishable Export Control Board (PPECB) to conduct inspections at pack houses, inspection points, silos and grain facilities for the export of fresh fruit, vegetables and grain for consumption – to issue addendum and export certificate
- ❑ PPECB also tests for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and other contaminants for certain markets; and ensures the cold chain management by issuing temperature certificates
- ❑ Removal permits for the movement of fresh fruit and vegetables from *Bactrocera dorsalis* quarantine areas to non quarantine areas is needed. Inspection Services to conduct inspections on farms.



# EXPORT PROCEDURES

- ☐ Export of plants, seeds, flowers may require field inspections and laboratory testing – can take a few days to weeks depending on pest or disease to be tested for
- ☐ Some fresh fruit may require in transit cold treatment/ chemical treatment and other products before shipping to be chemically treated.
- ☐ GMO status of commodities may be required depending on import permit conditions
- ☐ Export of seed may require SANSOR reports and seed potato reports from Potato certification scheme
- ☐ Application for the issuance of phytosanitary certificates are done on line through E-certification. Clients are requested to visit the website: [www.ecert.co.za](http://www.ecert.co.za) for all information on e-cert







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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE NUMBER:  
NPPO-ZA/2021/3/292561

TO: PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION(S) OF: Oman

## I. DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT

## 1. Name and address of exporter:

DALRRD DURBAN  
20TH FLOOR  
JOHNSSON LANE  
DURBAN 4000

## 2. Declared name and address of consignee:

DALRRD OMAN  
ABCDE  
24 STREET  
OMAN

## 3. Number and Description of Packages:

10 BOX(S) OF FRESH ORANGES

## 4. Distinguishing Marks:

DALRRD ORANGES

## 5. Place of Origin:

THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## 6. Declared means of conveyance:

CONTAINER VESSEL

## 7. Declared point of entry:

SOHAR

## 8. Name of Produce, Quantity declared and Purpose:

FRESH ORANGES 45000.00 NETT KGM FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

## 9. Botanical Name of Plants:

*Citrus sinensis*

This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests. They are deemed to be practically free from other pests

## II. ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

## III. DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

## 10. Date:

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## 11. Treatment:

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## 12. Chemical (Active Ingredient):

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## 13. Duration and Temperature:

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## 14. Concentration:

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## 15. Additional Information:

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## 16. Place of Issue:

DURBAN

## 17. Name of Authorised Officer and Signature:

Z. HLONGWA

## 18. Date: 08 March 2021

No financial liability with respect to this certificate the attached to the organization or department or to any of its officers or representatives.

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# EXPORT PROCEDURES E-CERT APPLICATIONS

☐ To use e-cert there are 2 registrations that must be done:

1. User registration: <https://app.ecert.co.za/Account/Register>
2. Company registration: <https://cbr.ecert.co.za/>

☐ Once the registration is complete, go to: <https://app.ecert.co.za/> to create an application. There are guides (document and video) to assist with the process, <https://ecert.co.za/guides/>



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# EXPORT PROCEDURES E-CERT APPLICATIONS

❑ For any other phytosanitary queries and assistance you may contact:

Full Name	Designation	Email	Official contact
Busisiwe Shomang	Information officer	<a href="mailto:BusisiweS@Dalrrd.gov.za">BusisiweS@Dalrrd.gov.za</a>	083 209 0049
Zama Hlongwa	Inspector	<a href="mailto:ZamaH@Dalrrd.gov.za">ZamaH@Dalrrd.gov.za</a>	060 974 2921
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# EXPORT PROCEDURES TO EXPORT SEED

- ☐ Plant Improvement Act 1976 (Act No.53 of 1976) The Plant Improvement Act (PIA) **prescribes the conditions** subject to which plants or propagating material may be exported for the purposes of cultivation [Sections 27; Table 4, 6, 7 & 8]
- ☐ Seed companies exporting seed must apply to the importing country for a plant import permit
- ☐ The permit specifies importing conditions that will need to be fulfilled in terms of phytosanitary status of the seed
- ☐ Seed for planting is normally treated with a seed coating which must be specified



# EXPORT PROCEDURES TO EXPORT SEED

- ❑ Export certificate: PIA section 27 indicates the following seed to be accompanied by an export certificate v.i.z. White and Yellow Maize, Sorghum, Beans, Soybean and Sunflower
- ❑ Companies must apply for an export certificate for certain kinds of seed. The application for export certificate must be accompanied by laboratory tests to ascertain the percentage germination and purity (e.g. export certification application)



## EXPORT PROCEDURES TO EXPORT SEED

- ❑ OICs: Certain African countries require Orange international certification for certain imported seeds since this scheme specifies a predetermined minimum germ and purity for the given seed varieties. OICs need to be applied for at least 2 months prior to export of the seed.
- ❑ GMO free certificate: Three kinds of seed (maize, soybean and cotton) need to be declared as GMO free prior to export to certain countries. The exporter will need to apply via D: Biosafety to declare that the seed is free from GMOs. Certain labs are consulted to test as to the status of these consignments
- ❑ **Controlling the export of certain plants and propagating material [Sections 27]**
- ❑ **Certified plant propagating material need to comply with much stricter requirements as prescribed by individual scheme regulations**



# EXPORT PROCEDURES TO EXPORT SEEDS

1. Groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L.)
2. Kidney bean (*Phaseolus coccineus* L.)
3. Dry bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.)
4. Grain sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench.)
5. Cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. [Including  
*V. sinensis*(L>) Savi ex Hassk.; *Dolichos biflorus* L.]
6. White and yellow grain maize (*Zea mays* L.)

**If the above mentioned seeds are less than 50kg, the exporter does not need an export certificate**



# EXPORT PROCEDURES - WOOD PACKAGING ISPM 15



- Registered with DAFF-DIS.
- Legible, permanent and not transferable.
- Placed in visible location, preferable on at least two opposite sides.
- Rectangular or square in shape.
- Surrounded by border line with a vertical line separating IPPC logo from country information.
- Must not be hand drawn.
- No other information shall be contained within the borders of the mark.
- Mark should consist of: The symbol, IPPC logo, Country code – ZA, Unique code allocated to service provider, Treatment code – MB /HT

[www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za) → Branches → Agricultural Production Health & Food Safety → Plant Health → Inspection Services → Wood packaging → List of registered service providers



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