

*Notice Setting out the Requirements for the Importation of Agricultural and Vegetable Seeds, Stock Feeds and Related Products  
(Notice No. 788 Ag. 31005)*

PURSUANT to the Introduction and Quarantine of Plants Regulations 1973, and the Stock Foods and Agricultural Seeds Importation Regulations 1958, the Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. **Title**—This notice may be cited as the Importation of Agricultural and Vegetable Seeds Notice 1974.

2. **Permits Required**—(1) A prior permit from the Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries to import any item is required where the word "Permit" appears in column 1 of the Schedule beside that item, or where the item does not appear in the Schedule. A permit may be issued subject to such conditions (where the conditions are reasonably stable these are indicated in the Schedule) as the Director-General thinks fit.

(2) Permits for cultivars other than those listed in the Schedule, may also be granted for the purposes of multiplication and re-export of seed. Quarantine conditions must be fulfilled, and acceptable evidence of a contract with an overseas concern produced. The crop must be grown under the supervision of the Ministry, and no seed either imported, or taken from the resultant crop, is to be saved or sold in New Zealand.

(3) Applications for permits to import any item shall be made to the Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, P.O. Box 2298, Wellington, and shall be accompanied by the following information:

- (a) The name and address of the importer;
- (b) The variety/cultivar of the seed, including the botanical name if possible;
- (c) The quantity required;
- (d) A declaration as to the end use;
- (e) The country or place from which it is proposed to import the seed.

3. **General Consent**—Where the word "Consent" appears in column 1 of the Schedule beside any item, the importation of that item is permitted without the need to apply for a permit, subject to compliance with the conditions listed in columns 4 to 15 inclusive in respect of that item. Consent has also been given to the importation of small packets of commercially packed vegetable, herb, or spice seed not exceeding two per cultivar, without the need of a health, veterinary, or purity analysis certificate (refer columns 10, 11 and 14 of Part A of the Schedule to the notice), provided that

- (i) The conditions for the seed set out in the Schedule do not provide for an endorsed health certificate (except for tomato seed which can be treated on arrival); and
- (ii) The seed originates from a country currently free from foot and mouth disease.

4. **Revocation**—The Importation of Agricultural and Vegetable Seeds Notice (No. 513), issued on 12 July 1973, and Amendment Notice No. 556 issued on 27 September 1973, pursuant to the Introduction and Quarantine of Plants Regulations 1973, and the Stock Foods and Agricultural Seeds Importation Regulations 1958, are hereby revoked.

**NOTE**—The Introduction and Quarantine of Plants Regulations 1973, provide that no agricultural seed (including vegetable, herb, etc.) can be introduced without a prior permit to import from the Director-General. This notice indicates the likely conditions for the issue of permits, and the items currently under general consent, but the Director-General may withdraw his consent for the importation of any item specified or vary the conditions of entry without prior notice. The Regulations provide for a fine of up to \$500 on conviction for any breach under the regulations, including any false declaration. Persons wishing to be put on the mailing list for any subsequent amendments to this Schedule, should send their names and addresses to the Chief Investigating Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, P.O. Box 2298, Wellington.

SCHEDULE

NOTES ON THE SCHEDULE AND EXPLANATION OF TERMS AND HEADINGS

*Column 1* denotes whether a permit is necessary, or whether the Director-General has given his consent to the importation. An asterisk in this column denotes that the importation will be considered in respect of each application having regard to the supply situation in New Zealand, and the variety and strain of the seed it is desired to import. In general terms, where the application is regarded as of an isolated nature it will be decided upon its individual merits, and where importation might be necessary on a wider scale all merchants may be given an opportunity to indicate their import requirements before finalising any individual application. Where an "X" appears in the column, this means that import is normally not permitted.

*Column 2* lists the common names of products.

*Column 3* gives the botanical name, where appropriate.

*Column 4* specifies the declared end-uses for which conditions are given. Any other use, not specifically provided for, is subject to a prior permit.

*Column 5* specifies whether the completion of a declared end-use certificate is compulsory or not.

*Column 6* denotes whether quantity is limited or whether any amount may be imported.

*Column 7* specifies the particular cultivars permitted, where these are restricted.

*Column 8* specifies the sources from which items may be imported. "Approved" countries are Europe, United States, Canada, Japan, Republic of South Africa, and Australia. Importation from other countries, where "Approved" appears in the source column, may be considered on application.

*Column 9* denotes the packaging certificate required, the form of which is set out in Section I of Part B of the Schedule.

*Column 10* specifies whether a veterinary certificate is needed, the form of which is set out in Section II of Part B of the Schedule. Where the seed is to be imported from any of the following countries, viz, U.K. (including Eire), Australia, Canada, U.S.A., or Japan, no veterinary certificate is required. If a "Yes" appears in column 10 in respect of any item, this means that a veterinary certificate is only required when the seed is imported from countries other than those listed above.

*Column 11* specifies whether an International Health Certificate is needed. The form is set out in Section III of Part B of the Schedule.

*Column 12* prescribes the endorsement required on the International Health Certificate. The endorsement numbers relate to the appropriate diseases listed in Section III of Part B of the Schedule.

*Column 13* denotes the need for a treatment certificate, the general form of which is specified in Sections V-VIII of Part B of the Schedule.

*Column 14* specifies whether a Certificate of Analysis is required, the form of which is set out in Section IV of Part B of the Schedule.

*Column 15* denotes whether some form of post-entry control may be exerted after the seed is landed. This could take various forms, from an assurance that the seed will be kept under secure conditions by the importer, to the issue of a Plant Quarantine Permit, depending upon the type of seed and its end use.