

## Conditions of entry –Maize seeds for commercial purpose

2. The consignment should be covered by following certifications:

2.1 orange certificate of the international seed testing association (ISTA) issued by the official seed certification agency of the country of export confirming that the seeds are within the standards set by the department of agriculture of Sri Lanka (from those countries that do not have ISTA representation, the certificate from the official seed certification agency of the central/federal government should be submitted). The test report should contain declarations to show:

- i. Lot number and quantity.
- ii genetic and physical purity of seeds with specific details of contaminants, if any,
- iii that seed water content does not exceed the maximum and,
- iv.that seeds have been sampled by the official seed certification agency and tested by a seed testing laboratory approved by the government of the exporting country.
- v. Other seeds including weed seed (should be identified upto species level).

ISTA should be valid for 3 months for seed stored under ambient condition and valid 6 months seed stored under cold condition

2.2 A Phytosanitary certificate (model of international plant protection convention) issued within 14 days prior to dispatch and under the authority of the official national plant protection organization of the country of export. It should contain declarations:

- i On botanical names of the seeds including varieties and hybrids,
- ii On the place and country of origin of the seeds and,
- iii On any seed treatment.

**(see 7 below for additional declarations required)**

2.3 certificate of origin issued by the chamber of commerce of country of export.

2.4 packing list and bill of lading

3. Seeds must be securely packaged to prevent spillage in transit. Every seed container must bear information on the crop, variety and seed treatment, if any, name and address of supplier and lot number.

4. On the arrival of the consignment at the port of entry, the importer must inform the details of the import to:

- i. Officer – in- Charge, seed certification service, P.O. Box 03, Peradeniya and ,
- ii. Plant quarantine officer at the port of entry.

5. At the port of entry, the consignment shall be inspected by a Plant Quarantine Officer of the port entry. if deemed necessary by Plant Quarantine officer, the consignment shall be subjected to treatment or other suitable disposal

6. Entry in to Sri Lanka may be denied for consignments of seeds:

- i Which do not confirm to labeling requirements (re 3 above),
- ii Which have been imported without required certificates or,
- iii Which, in the opinion of the Plant Quarantine Officer, carry a dangerous pest, disease or weed.

### 7. Condition of Maize:

The Phytosanitary certificate must contain endorsements to the effect that : –

- i. Seeds were produced in an area where *Erwinia stewartii* does not occur or seed tested and found to free from *Erwinia stewartii*

- ii. Seeds are free from *Erwinia caratavora* and *Erwinia chrysanthemi*
  - iii. Seeds are free from *Claviceps giagantea*, *Cephalosporium acremonium*, *Corynebacterium nebraskense*, *Peronsclerospora philippinesis*, Maize streak virus and Corn stunt virus.
  - iv. The consignment should be tested and found to be free from *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Fall Armyworm)
- 8 However, seeds will be tested locally for conformity to seed standards of the DOA *Erwinia stewartii* and other pests before release. Therefore, samples will be drawn by the quarantine officer at the entry points.
9. Seeds must be appropriate colored to avoid accidentally use of treated seeds as food or feed.
10. Import conditions are subjected to change at the discretion of the NPPO , Sri Lanka Thus this permit may revoked without notice
11. If importer fails to comply with any of these import conditions, future requests may be rejected.
12. Importer is obliged to totally comply with post-entry requirements. Failure of the importer to comply will affect the approval for future importation.
- 13. This permit is issued for one time importation only.**
- 14. This importation should be completed on or before the expiry date of permit.**
- 15. One time extension of the permit can be made if only requested prior to expiry of the permit with original copy.**