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# GUYANA'S IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

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## **PART III: IMPORTS**

Outlines the procedures and requirements for importing agricultural commodities and regulated articles, including the need for import permits, phytosanitary certificates, and inspections.

### **IMPORT REGULATION** >>>

The Institute has the authority to set phytosanitary standards and measures, prohibit imports, take phytosanitary actions on imports and enforce emergency protocols. These measures are based on international standards and alternatively should be justified by pest risk analysis. The Minister may amend, or revoke regulations as needed. Additionally, a designated officer from the Institute can negotiate agreements with other countries to accept alternative phytosanitary measures, provided they have the Minister's approval.

### **IMPORT REQUIREMENTS** >>>

Consignments can only be imported with an import permit issued by the Institute, accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and through designated points of entry. Phytosanitary certificates must be issued by the competent authority of the exporting country within 14 days of shipment. However, the Institute has the right to exempt certain items from an import permit requirement. If an import is prohibited, the Institute will not issue a permit, and the applicant will be notified. The Institute has the authority to review, modify or revoke permits as well as charge fees for its services.

### **IMPORT PROCEDURE** >>>

All imported goods are subject to inspection by an authorized officer at the point of entry. For certain sealed or marked items, the Institute may, at its discretion, conduct inspections at their final destination upon request. Inspections are usually carried out during regular business hours, though exceptions may be made for perishable goods or delayed entries. Notably, inspections are subject to applicable fees.

### **DECLARATION OF ARRIVAL** >>>

Importers must report the arrival of any plant, plant product or other regulated article to the authorized officer at the point of entry and request inspection. Customs officers must promptly notify the Institute of such arrivals and refrain from releasing or disposing of the articles without authorization from an authorized officer.

### **INSPECTION & NOTICES** >>>

If a consignment meets all necessary requirements and poses no risk, it will be approved for delivery. Customs requires a written notice for clearance. Non-compliant consignments may be detained, removed, reshipped, or destroyed. The importer is responsible for any associated costs and risks. The Government will not be liable for any destruction that occurs during these processes.

### **QUARANTINE STATIONS** >>>

The Institute has the authority to designate locations as quarantine stations for purposes such as phytosanitary observation, research, inspection, testing, treatment, detention, or destruction. Additionally, the Institute can mandate that imported plants or plant products be stored or cultivated at a quarantine station under its supervision.