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Dear Client


You are hereby kindly notified of the following changes to the system:

As from 1 April 2018, import permits issued for controlled goods (any live or dead part of a plant or derivation thereof, pathogen, insect, exotic animal, growth medium, infectious thing, honey, beeswax, or used apiary equipment) in terms of the above Act, will be issued at a tariff of R176-00 per permit.

1. One Import Permit for plants or plant products is allowed to include a maximum 10 Genera or 10 specific kinds/types of plant material per commodity e.g.
   Application for Roses (Rosa SPP)-
   Tissue culture in vitro (this counts as item 1)
   Rooted Plants or cuttings (this counts as item 2)
   Unrooted cuttings (this counts as item 3)
   Cut flowers (this counts as item 4) Etc... therefore on one application form, a total of only 10 items shall be allowed.

2. Where there are different permit conditions for different species, each species will count as 1 kind/type – for example, Prunus persica plus Prunus avium will count as 2 Genera/kinds/types, and can be included in 1 permit.
3. One Import Permit will be issued for each of the following:

3.1 **Seeds**: 1 Species of each of 10 Genera / 2 Species of each of 5 Genera etc, or

3.2 **Rooted plants**: 1 Species of each of 10 Genera etc, or

3.3 **Various other planting material**: 8 types = e.g. 1 Species of 2 Genera each of rooted plants + unrooted cuttings + tissue culture plants + budwood, or

3.4 10 Genera = e.g. *Pyrus, Malus, Vitis, Rosa, Dianthus, Chrysanthemum, Quercus, Betula, Lycopersicon, Brassica* etc.;

3.5 Fruits and vegetables: 10 types - per Genus or e.g. per Prunus type (apricots, plums, peaches, nectarines), see point 2, above;

3.6 Cut flowers: 10 types = 10 Genera e.g. *Rosa, Dianthus, Chrysanthemum, Protea, Leucadendron, Anthurium, Gypsophila, Gerbera, Liatris, Lillium* etc.;

3.7 Timber: 10 types = 10 Genera, but only those Genera not published in R1013.

4. For other types of controlled goods / regulated articles, 1 Import Permit will be issued for the following commodities:

4.1 **Biocontrol agents / research organisms**: 10 species per permit / 10 host species per permit (as appropriate)

4.2 **Growing media**: one type of growing medium will count as 1 Genus/kind/type, e.g. peat plus compost = 2 types.

**Please take note of the following:**

1. As from 1 April 2018, a tariff of **R153** will be charged for each amendment letter requested.

2. The deposit slip or receipt must clearly indicate the company’s name or in case of an individual, the surname and initial.

3. An import permit will be valid for one year.

4. Original permits that were faxed or e-mailed to the client will be posted as well.

5. Procedure to apply and pay for an import permit:
   - Application form to be completed in full and a clear indication to be made whether the permit is to be posted (normal post), faxed, e-mailed or collected (importer to make own courier arrangements).
   - All application forms to be accompanied by proof of payment (bank deposit slip or cashier receipt)
   - Application form together with the proof of payment, can be faxed or emailed or delivered by hand.
Payment to be made as follows:

Payable to Department of Agriculture's bank account
Bank: Standard Bank
Branch: Arcadia
Branch No: 01-08-45
Account No: 011251735
Account Name: DAFF: Import of Controlled Goods

OR

Payment in cash: Department of Agriculture's cashier
Pretoria:
Agricultural Place, 20 Beatrix Street, Arcadia, Pretoria.
Block P: Room GF 15

Stellenbosch:
Quarantine Station, Polkadraai Road, Stellenbosch
Room 110

Permit offices: Contact details

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**ONLY PERMITS FOR PLANT PROPAGATION MATERIAL OF SPECIFIC CROPS NEEDING INTENSIVE POST ENTRY QUARANTINE EVALUATION WILL BE HANDLED BY THE STELENBOSCH OFFICE.

No services will be rendered if the correct tariff is not paid. Clients are encouraged to ensure correct payment is made in order to avoid delays in processing of applications.

The turnaround time for the issuance of an import permit is 30 working days. Clients are encouraged to apply well in advance.

Kind Regards,

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DIRECTOR: FOOD IMPORT & EXPORT STANDARDS

NEW TARIFFS AS FROM 1 APRIL 2018:
IMPORT PERMITS ISSUED IN TERMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT, 1983 (ACT NO. 36 OF 1983)