

Country Report

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General Information and Phytosanitary matter (Plant Quarantine)

- The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA), Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA) operates Plant Protection Act of Korea; Enforcement Decree of the Act; Enforcement Rule of the Act; and the 117 Notifications which involve the following:
 - Inspection of import and export plants
 - Surveillance and control of plant pests
 - Requirements of treatments for wooden packaging materials, etc.
- Phytosanitary measures during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Followed by the serious restrictions applied to the transportation due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the NPPO of each country is having difficulties to deliver phytosanitary certificates on time.
 - The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) introduced temporary measures on accepting scanned copies of phytosanitary certificate to facilitate international trade during the COVID-19 pandemic (March 2020 – April 2022).
 - Also, COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the introduction of ePhyto in Korea, APQA commercialized ePhyto exchange between Korea and USA(2021), Korea and New Zealand(2022) and is trying to commence ePhyto exchange with other countries.
- APQA has amended the quarantine pest list which is based on the result of a Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) and notified WTO/SPS that it will add 107 quarantine pest species since January 2020. (4times: March 2020, September 2020, March 2021, December 2021)
 - Group of 107 Quarantine pests: Fungus(16), Virus·Viroid(17), Bacteria(1), Diptera(4), Lepidoptera(5), Hemiptera(20), Coleoptera(16), Hymenoptera(8), Thysanoptera(2), Blattodea(1), Prostigmata(2), Orthoptera(2), Nematode(5), Weed(8)