

**Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh lemon fruits (*Citrus limon* (L.)  
Burm. f.) imported from Argentina into Vietnam**

**General information**

This phytosanitary import requirements are developed by the Plant Protection Department (PPD), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam. Based on the results of the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) report, the following pests are concluded as quarantine pests associated with fresh lemon fruits imported from Argentina into Vietnam:

- *Ceratitis capitata* (Wiedemann);
- *Septoria citri* Pass.;
- *Septoria limonum* Pass.;
- *Elsinoë australis* Bitanc. & Jenkins

Lemon fruits imported from Argentina into Vietnam shall be complied with following requirements:

**1. Registration**

- a) The production establishments, production units, packing houses, treatment and storage facilities, exporters and exit points willing to work within the framework of the program of export of fresh lemon fruits intended for Vietnam shall be registered and authorized by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Argentina (SENASA);
- b) Production establishments, production units, packing houses, treatment and storage facilities shall be undergone, on a regular basis, disinfection and sanitary inspection by SENASA in order to prevent entry and re-contamination of pests;
- c) The lists of registered production establishments, production units, packing houses, quarantine treatment and storage facilities for lemon fruits export to Vietnam must be provided to PPD before export commencement;
- d) Registration records will be made available for inspection and audit by PPD on request.

**2. Pre-harvest measures**

Following conditions are applied for risk management of *Septoria citri* Pass., *Septoria limonum* Pass. and *Elsinoë australis* Bitanc. & Jenkins at pre-harvested stage:

- a) Lemon fruits must be grown in production establishments, production units registered with and monitored by SENANA to ensure that fruits are free from *Septoria citri* Pass., *Septoria limonum* Pass. and *Elsinoë australis* Bitanc. & Jenkins. Details of the pest control programs must be provided to PPD before commencement of trade;

b) If any of those quarantine pests to Vietnam is detected during surveillance activities or joint inspection of production establishments and production units, then SENASA will remove the production establishment or production units from the registered list.

### **3. Post-harvest measures**

Following conditions are applied for risk management of *Ceratitis capitata* at post harvested stage:

#### **3.1. Sorting and packing process**

a) Lemon fruits exporting to Vietnam shall be sorted and packed only in packing houses registered with SENASA and ensure the removal of fruits which are infested by pests and diseases;

b) On the outside of the export packing boxes of lemon fruits shall be marked "For Vietnam" and "the name (or registration code) of orchards and packing houses".

c) The packaging materials shall be compliant with ISPM 15.

#### **3.2. Phytosanitary treatment**

a) All consignments of lemons for export must be treated by one of the following options:

Cold treatment at 3° C or below for at least 18 days under supervision of SENASA. The fruit will be sampled after cold treatment in accordance with the agreed sampling plan, for visual inspection by SENASA inspectors with determining the acceptance or rejection of fruit,

or

In-transit cold treatment at 3.2° C or below for at least 24 days in the traceable manner which allows PPD inspectors checking during import inspections.

b) Treatment parameters must be stated in the phytosanitary certificate at the treatment section.

### **4. Pre-export inspection**

a) A phytosanitary certificate issued by SENASA is required for each consignment. Each phytosanitary certificate must be included the additional declaration, stating in English:

**"The consignment of lemon fruits has been produced and prepared for export in accordance with the phytosanitary import requirements for importation of fresh lemon fruits (*Citrus limon* (L.) Burm. f.) from Argentina into Vietnam".**

b) The consignment must be also practically free from soil, plant debris/leaf.

## **5. Import inspection**

Upon arrival in Vietnam, every consignment will be inspected by PPD. If any quarantine pest is detected during inspection, the consignment shall be treated according to Vietnamese phytosanitary regulations.

## **6. Review policy**

PPD reserves the right to review this phytosanitary requirements at any time if quarantine pests are detected. The review is also considered when the phytosanitary status of the exporting country is changed.