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Importation of Plants and Plant Products into Fiji

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) is mandated under the Biosecurity Act 2008 to protect Fiji from the entry and establishment of exotic pests and diseases. The Biosecurity Act 2008, Part 5 – Section 31 – 40; provides guidance for the importation of *plants and plant products* into the country.

For entry of all plants, propagating materials and fresh, semi-processed as well as some fully processed plant products, an import permit issued by BAF is mandatory which further stipulates the import conditions under which these products will be given entry and biosecurity clearance into the country. Any breach of BAF import conditions may result in confiscation, destruction or reshipment of the products at the costs borne by the importer.

All plants and plant products imported into Fiji must be declared upon arrival.

The required import conditions are determined after verification of any form of processing that the individual plants and plant products may have gone through which may render the product safe in terms of phytosanitary requirements.

The following guidelines are established for importers and individuals to follow when deciding on the importation of plants and plant products into Fiji.

1. Importation of Plants and Plant Products requiring Import Permit:

- Seeds for propagation
- Seeds for human consumption
- Plant propagating material (cuttings, setts, plantlets, bulbs, grafts, tissue culture, etc.)
- Flowers (dried and/or fresh)
- Grains for human consumption
- Grains for feed ingredient
- Grains for processing into oil, fuel, cosmetics or alcohol
- Fresh produce (fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices)
- Items made of bamboo, cane, rattan, coconut, straw
- Timber (lumber) and wood
- Pine cones, chaff and hay
- Souvenirs made from plant material or stuffed with plant material
- Homeopathic remedies
- Animal feed of plant origin or containing plant products as constituents
- Mill runs (mill mix)
- Meals – canola meal, soya bean meal, corn meal, etc.
- Coconut and its by-products (copra, copra meal, etc.)
- Nuts of all types (refer to exemption in Table 2) and Dates
- Frozen and/or blanched fruits and vegetables
- Dried herbs and spices, mushrooms (refer for exemption in Table 2)
- Bio-fertilizer
- Flour (Wheat, Rice etc.)

2. The table below lists the plant products that are currently allowed to be imported without a BAF import permit.

Extracts	Fibers	Foodstuff ready for Consumption	Fruits and Vegetables	Grain and Oilseed Products	Liquids	Sugars	Wood products	Other
➤ Extracts e.g. vanilla ➤ Fruit pectin ➤ Hop Extract ➤ Hydrolyzed vegetable protein ➤ Margarine ➤ Mineral plant extract ➤ Soya bean lecithin ➤ Starch e.g. Cassava ➤ Yeast extract	➤ Cardboard ➤ Cellulose cotton ➤ Cotton cloth ➤ Paper ➤ Plant fibre cloth and threads	➤ Beverage powder ➤ Cakes & biscuits ➤ Ketchup ➤ Condiments ➤ Dessert powder ➤ Food flavoring ➤ Food seasoning ➤ Food supplement ➤ Fruit sauces ➤ Jelly, Jam ➤ Peanut butter ➤ Pastes ➤ Soup (dried) ➤ Vegetable flavoring ➤ Vegetable spread e.g. Hummus ➤ Dips	➤ Candied ➤ Canned ➤ Glaced ➤ Pomace ➤ Concentrates ➤ Hydrolyzed ➤ Pickled ➤ In syrup ➤ Pulped ➤ Precooked/cooked ➤ Deshelled/hulled Roasted nuts (retail packages) ➤ deshelled seeds (retail packages) ➤ Grounded herbs & spices (retail packages)	➤ Baby cereal ➤ Bakery mixes ➤ Bread products ➤ Breakfast cereals ➤ Cooked cereals ➤ Corn chip pellets ➤ Rice (par-boiled) ➤ Corn soy blend ➤ Soy proteins	➤ Coconut water (bottled, packed) ➤ Soy milk ➤ Soy sauce ➤ Fruit drink ➤ Juices ➤ Oils ➤ Soft drinks ➤ Vinegar ➤ Salad dressing ➤ Soup ➤ Wood turpentine	➤ Beet sugar ➤ Corn starch ➤ Glucose ➤ Corn syrup ➤ Granulated sugar ➤ Maple sugar ➤ Maple syrup ➤ Molasses ➤ Syrup	➤ Charcoal ➤ Match sticks ➤ Plasterboard ➤ Toothpicks ➤ Wood resin	➤ Brewer's yeast ➤ Brewer's malt ➤ Tea ➤ Vitamins ➤ Gum ➤ Rubber ➤ Shellac ➤ Desiccated coconut ➤ Chocolate

3. Personal Allowance (Exemption of Biosecurity Import Specification)

For personal import of all plant products, the allowance is a collective weight of (and must not exceed) 10 kg.

The following processed plant products can be brought or imported by an individual when travelling to or sending personal effects to Fiji:

- Commercially packed dried dates
- Commercially prepared and packed dried or dehydrated edible mushroom
- Commercially packed parboiled rice or other polished rice
- Commercially packaged beans, split peas, lentils and pulses
- Cooked frozen vegetables
- Flour (Wheat, Rice etc.)
- Tapa and miniature handicrafts (made from treated, polished and varnished wood)

Exceptions

- Kava for personal consumption – **up to 2 kg only**, to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate.

All plant products imported into Fiji, either for commercial or personal purpose, must have labels in English.

BAF requests all importers to adhere to the information provided in this notice. For any product(s) that may not be reflected in this notice, importers are requested to consult their

Please note that this Biosecurity Notice replaces all previous notices and alerts on the importation of Plants and Plant Products into Fiji.

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For further clarifications do not hesitate to contact BAF Plant Imports Team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512, Ext 184 or alternatively, on email: plantimports@baf.com.fj



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