

Federal Law

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“On quarantine of plants”

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Terms and Definitions

«Regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine)» – plants, products of plant origin, container, package, soil or other organisms, objects or materials, which can be carriers of quarantine harmful organisms or promote their distribution;

«Harmful organism» - plant of any kind, variety or biotype, animal or pathogenic organism of any kind, race, biotype which can harm plants or products of plant origin;

«Quarantine phytosanitary measures» - measures which are taken to prevent penetration and(or) distribution in the Russian Federation of harmful organisms;

«Quarantine objects» – harmful organisms, which are absent or of limited extended at the territory of the Russian Federation;

«Regulated objects» – grounds of any designated purpose, buildings, constructions, facilities, reservoirs, places of storage, equipment, means of transport, containers, regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) and other objects which could be a source of penetration or distribution in the Russian Federation of quarantine objects;

«Quarantine phytosanitary regime» – quarantine phytosanitary measures which are taken in quarantine phytosanitary zone;

«Quarantine phytosanitary zone» - territory, where a quarantine phytosanitary regime is established.

Phytosanitary quarantine zone, phytosanitary quarantine regime and quarantine

When regulated objects are contaminated by quarantine objects, phytosanitary quarantine zone is set up and phytosanitary quarantine regime is established. The concerned body of executive power of the subject of the Russian Federation places the territory under quarantine.

In the phytosanitary quarantine zone the actions are taken to carry out quarantine objects control, to find and eradicate their foci, and the ban on the use of the particular regulated products (quarantinable materials, commodities under quarantine), on its export from the territory of the phytosanitary quarantine zone is imposed, as well as restrictions for such use and export and other bans and restrictions.

When the focus of quarantine objects is eliminated, the phytosanitary quarantine zone and the phytosanitary quarantine regime are lifted. The concerned body of executive power of the subject of the Russian Federation lifts quarantine.

Phytosanitary and quarantine certificates

Import, export, transfer of the regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) are allowed if a phytosanitary certificate or a quarantine certificate is provided which certifies its compliance with norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

Each lot of regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine), at import to the RF or export from the RF, shall be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate.

Each lot of imported regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine) during its transportation within the Russian Federation, and each lot of regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine), exported from the phytosanitary quarantine zone, shall be accompanied by quarantine certificates.

Protection of the territory of the Russian Federation from quarantine objects

It is allowed to import regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine) to the Russian Federation if there are import documents and documents certifying their compliance with international treaties of the Russian Federation regarding quarantine of plants, and norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

It is prohibited to import to the Russian Federation regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine), contaminated by quarantine objects (except as provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants), as well as regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine) if during its import norms and rules on plant quarantine are infringed.

Regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine) shall be imported to the Russian Federation only via check points through the frontier of the Russian Federation, specially equipped for this purpose, where frontier points on quarantine of plants are set up. The list of such check points is specified in accordance with the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation. Regulated products (material, cargo under quarantine) imported to the Russian Federation are subject to the compulsory state phytosanitary quarantine control, carried out by the federal body of executive power for the quarantine of plants:

- initial state phytosanitary quarantine control - at the check point through the frontier of the Russian Federation; and
- state phytosanitary quarantine recontrol, including examination, - at the place of destination.

It is prohibited to use regulated objects, contaminated by the quarantine objects, except for the cases as provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

It is prohibited to apply phytosanitary quarantine measures and restrictions (in any form) to accomplish tasks which are not related to quarantine of plants.

Disinfecting, cleaning, fumigation

Regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) imported to the Russian Federation, contaminated by quarantine objects, are subject to disinfection at check points through frontier of the Russian Federation or at the place of destination, except for cases provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

Regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) imported to the Russian Federation from the countries where quarantine objects are spread, are subject to preventive disinfection in cases provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

The means of transport used to transfer regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) are subject to compulsory cleaning or where necessary to disinfection as provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants.

Revealing of quarantine objects and prevention of its distribution

Quarantine objects are subject to systematic quarantine phytosanitary checks.

When the focus of quarantine objects is revealed, phytosanitary quarantine regime is established on the relevant territories.

In cases provided by norms and rules on quarantine of plants, grain and grain products imported to the Russian Federation are subject to the processing in accordance with the technologies which ensure seeds devitalisation. It is not allowed to export grain and grain products with viable seeds from places of processing.

Laboratory analysis and tests of regulated products

In order to establish its phytosanitary status, regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) are subject to state quarantine phytosanitary control, including examination, and where necessary laboratory analyses and tests, carried out by the bodies and organisations of the state service of plant quarantine of the Russian Federation.

Withdrawal, destruction and return of regulated products

In order to prevent introduction and/or spread of quarantine objects in the Russian Federation, the regulated products (materials, commodities under quarantine) can be withdrawn, destroyed or returned under instruction of the official of the federal body of executive power for the quarantine of plants.