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(NO. 3 OF 2013)****BIOSECURITY REGULATIONS 2015**

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present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled (IPPC);

“sea container” means a standardized reusable steel box or frame used for the safe, efficient and secure storage and movement of materials and products which is designed and constructed -

- (i) to facilitate the carriage of goods by one or more modes of transport;
- (ii) in such a manner as to permit its ready handling and in particular its transfer from one mode of transport to another;
- (iii) for ease of loading and unloading of its contents; and
- (iv) of a standard size often expressed in twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU) which is a unit of capacity equal to one standard 20ft x 8ft (6.10m x 2.44m) (length x width) container, containers are commonly of 1 or 2 TEU, i.e. 20 or 40ft x 8ft;;

“shipping line” includes a shipping company that operates a shipping service with vessels which it owns, leases or otherwise and has routine or confirmed destinations which its vessels service.

“wood” means a commodity class for round wood, sawn wood, wood chips or dunnage, with or without bark;

“wood packaging materail” means wood or wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity, it includes: crates, boxes, packing cases, dunnage, pallets, cable drums and spools/reels or any other things made wholly or in part of wood but does not include -

- wood packaging material made entirely from thin wood (6 mm or less in thickness)
- wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board or veneer that has been created using glue, heat or pressure, or a combination thereof
- barrels for wine and spirit that have been heated during manufacture

Format for incoming conveyance biosecurity certificate for vessels

8. The Format for the Incoming Conveyance Biosecurity Certificate (Master's Certificate) for vessels is as prescribed in SCHEDULE FIVE forms 5A–5C.

Format for Bond or Guarantee for vessels or aircraft in the case of animals

9. Where an animal is on board an arriving vessel or aircraft, the captain or pilot is required to enter into a Bond or Guarantee to the effect that the animal will remain on board while the vessel or aircraft remains within Solomon Islands territorial waters. The format for the Bond or Guarantee is as prescribed in SCHEDULE SIX form 6A.

Format for Bond or Guarantee for vessels and aircraft in the case of meat or meat products

10. Where meat or meat products which do not meet the requirements for entry into Solomon Islands are on board a vessel or aircraft arriving in Solomon Islands the captain or pilot is required to enter into a Bond or Guarantee to the effect that the meat or meat products will remain on board while the vessel or aircraft remains within Solomon Islands territorial waters. The format for the Bond or Guarantee is as prescribed in SCHEDULE SIX form 6B. For aircraft this section only applies if the aircraft is to remain on the ground overnight.

Format for Bond or Guarantee for vessels or aircraft in the case of plants or plant products

11. Where plants or plant products which do not meet the requirements for entry into Solomon Islands are on board a vessel or aircraft arriving in Solomon Islands the captain or pilot is required to enter into a Bond or Guarantee to the effect that the plants or plant products will remain on board while the vessel or aircraft remains within Solomon Islands territorial waters. The format for the Bond or Guarantee is as prescribed in SCHEDULE SIX form 6C. For aircraft this section only applies if the aircraft is to remain on the ground overnight.

Control of entry and exit from Biosecurity Holding Areas

12. All border agencies and owners of Biosecurity Holding Areas are subject to biosecurity controls. The Director of Biosecurity will advise the owners of Biosecurity Holding Areas on how the entry and exit from these Areas is to be managed to maintain biosecurity control.

Part III – IMPORT OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS INCLUDING PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

Declared regulated pests and diseases for plants

13. All pests and diseases of plants which conform to the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of “quarantine pest” see Section 2 Interpretation above or

https://www.ippc.int/sites/default/files/documents/20140214/ispm_05_en_2014-02-

14cpm-8 201402141055-559.25%20KB.pdf are declared Regulated Pests and Diseases.

Declared regulated pests and diseases for animals

14. All diseases, infections and infestations listed on the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) website (as updated regularly) <http://www.oie.int/animal-health-in-the-world/oie-listed-diseases-2014/> and are not already present in Solomon Islands are also declared Regulated Pests and Diseases.

Prohibition on import of live plants and animals

15. It is prohibited to import any live plant or animals, or plant and animal products unless specifically permitted in writing by the Director of Biosecurity.

Format for Application for permit to import plants and animals

16. An application for a Biosecurity Import Permit for plants and animals including plant and animal products and earth must be made on the format as prescribed in SCHEDULE SEVEN forms 7A–7E.

Format for permits to import plants and animals

17. The format for the permit to import plants and animals including plant and animal products and earth will be as prescribed in SCHEDULE EIGHT forms 8A TO 8D.

Agent to cooperate in Execution of section 23 of the Act

18. In order to execute the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Biosecurity Act the shipping agent or air cargo agent, shall provide the relevant Biosecurity Officer with all copies of the cargo manifest for each vessel or aircraft arriving in Solomon Islands in either manuscript or electronic form.

Biosecurity officer to inspect manifest

19. The Biosecurity Officer shall, immediately upon receipt of the cargo manifest, inspect the manifest and stamp with “Quarantine Hold” or “QH” or otherwise mark (e.g. electronically using ASYCUDA system or any other approved system) every item listed which in his opinion may harbour regulated pests or diseases or be a regulated article.

Offence to release cargo stamped “QH”

20. It is an offence (*Penalty items 19 and 36*) for anyone (including a customs officer or shipping agent, or air cargo or airline agent, or Ports Authority officer) to release any item of cargo that has been stamped “Quarantine Hold” unless instructed by a Biosecurity Officer as required under regulation 23 below, following any necessary inspection and treatment.

Format for Application for Biosecurity Import Clearance

21. An application for Biosecurity Import Clearance must be made on for Form prescribed in SCHEDULE NINE.