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THE BAHAMAS AGRICULTURAL HEALTH & FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

Your guide to exporting plants, plant products and other regulated articles from The Bahamas to another country.

01 WHAT IS A PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE?

Phytosanitary certificates are used to attest that consignments of plants, plant products or other regulated articles meet phytosanitary import requirements and are undertaken by BAHFSA.

Phytosanitary certification is provided as a service to exporters/traders based on the phytosanitary requirements of foreign countries.



02 CONTACT US

If a phytosanitary certificate is required, contact BAHFSA to find out:

- What export conditions must be met
- What permits and documents are required
- What pest(s) must the product be free from
- Type of inspection and sampling needed
- General information about the phytosanitary certification system



CONTACT US

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03 REQUEST FOR PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

- Register your company on the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) at: <https://bs.ephytoexchange.org>
- Create a certificate request for export
- Add commodities and optional attachments
- Submit a request for an inspection



04 PAYMENT

- The fee for a phytosanitary certificate for commercial and non-commercial exports is \$30 (non-refundable); 72-hour turnaround time.
- Issuance of same or next-day phytosanitary certificate is \$150 (non-refundable).
- The same fee and conditions apply to re-export certificates.
- Full payment is required before a phytosanitary inspection is conducted.



05 PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION

- Inspections are used to verify import requirements are satisfied.
- Inspection can be conducted at BAHFSA's office or we can schedule a visit to your site.
- Additional lab testing or phytosanitary treatments may be required based on the inspection results and the country's import requirements.



06 TREATMENTS AND ADDITIONAL DECLARATIONS

- A consignment may be treated and then re-inspected if it does not meet the importing country's requirements.
- Authorized officers will perform, supervise or audit the required phytosanitary treatments.
- Additional declarations are statements, which must be added to the phytosanitary certificates to provide specific additional information pertinent to a consignment, such as treatments.



07 PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE ISSUED

Once all import requirements are satisfied, an ePhyto will be issued and sent to the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the importing country.

ePhyto is short for "electronic phytosanitary certificate" and is a paperless and fraud-resistant phytosanitary certificate with all relevant information.

ePhytos can also be printed and attached to consignments.

You can then ship your consignments of plants, plant products or other regulated articles along with other commercial documents and permits required!



Improving Safe Trade in Plant and Plant Products

