



Notification of Department of Agriculture  
Re: Conditions for Import of Potatoes for Consumption from  
the United States of America B.E. 2552 (2009)

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The Department of Agriculture has completed pest risk analysis for commercial importation of potatoes for consumption from the United States of America into Thailand. By virtue of the provision in Article 8 and Article 10 of the Plant Quarantine Act B.E. 2507 (1964) amended by the Plant Quarantine Act (No. 3) B.E. 2551 (2008) with particular provisions that may restrict the right and freedom of any person in which Article 29 together with Article 32, Article 33, Article 41 and Article 43 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand permits by virtue of the law. The Director-General of Department of Agriculture through the recommendation of the Plant Quarantine Committee, hereby announces the conditions that have to be met in order to import potatoes for consumption purpose from the United States of America into Thailand as follows:

**1. Plant species**

Tuber of potato, *Solanum tuberosum*

**2. Quarantine pests of concern**

A list of quarantine pests of current concern to Thailand for potatoes for consumption and associated soil from the United States of America is given in Appendix.

**3. Responsible organizations**

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| 3.1 | Thailand:                     | Department of Agriculture<br>(hereinafter referred to as DOA)                                                                            |
| 3.2 | The United States of America: | United States Department of<br>Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health<br>Inspection Service<br>(hereinafter referred to as USDA-<br>APHIS) |

**4. Import permit**

Import permit issued by DOA is required.

**5. Means of conveyance**

Potatoes shall be imported from a port in the United States of America to a designated port in Thailand by ship-cargo or air cargo.

**6. Production areas**

6.1 Some areas in New York and Idaho states in the United States have been found to be infested with potato cyst nematode (white potato cyst nematode, *Globodera pallida* and yellow potato cyst nematode, *Globodera rostochiensis*).

6.2 Potatoes produced in all states in the United States are permitted to import into Thailand except potatoes produced in the following areas are prohibited to import into Thailand.

6.2.1 Potatoes produced in potato cyst nematode regulated areas.

6.2.2 Potatoes produced in land which as a result of soil test has been found to be contaminated with potato cyst nematode.

**7. Phytosanitary import requirements**

7.1 Potatoes imported for consumption shall free of quarantine pests specified in this Notification.

7.2 To mitigate the risk associated with nematodes and the presence of infected tubers, potatoes imported for consumption must be washed so as to be practically free of visible soil.

**8. Phytosanitary Certification**

8.1 A Phytosanitary Certificate must accompany with each consignment of potatoes for consumption from the United States of America and must indicate the states of origin.

8.2 A Phytosanitary Certificate shall bear the following additional declaration.

*“The potatoes in this consignment were produced in the United States of America in accordance with the conditions governing entry of potatoes for consumption to Thailand and inspected and found to be free of quarantine pests”.*

and

*“The potatoes in this consignment have been washed.”*

8.3 Container number (for sea freight only) must be recorded on the Phytosanitary Certificate.

**9. Audit of export procedures**

9.1 The export of potatoes for processing from the United States of America to Thailand shall only be initiated after the DOA has already audited export certification procedures. The costs of such audits must be borne by the United States of America.

9.2 In the event of a suspension of import, DOA may audit export certification procedures in the United States of America prior to a decision being taken on resumption of import. Where DOA has determined that such audits are necessary, the costs of these audits must be borne by the United States of America.

Effective on this date henceforth.

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**Appendix**

List of quarantine pests of potatoes for consumption and associated soil  
from the United States of America  
attached to the Notification of Department of Agriculture  
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Pest	Common name
Plant Pathogens	
Nematodes	
<i>Ditylenchus destructor</i>	potato rot nematode
<i>Ditylenchus dipsaci</i> (potato race)	stem and bulb nematode
<i>Globodera pallida</i>	pale cyst nematode
<i>Globodera rostochiensis</i>	golden nematode
<i>Heterodera glycines</i>	soybean cyst nematode
<i>Meloidogyne chitwoodi</i>	Columbia root knot nematode
<i>Nacobbus aberrans</i>	false root knot nematode

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  - This is an English translation. In case of any difference in meaning between the Thai text and the English translation, the Thai text shall be applied.