Seminar

on

“EU Plant Health Requirements”

Co-organised by

Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives

At Vibhavadee Ballroom, Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok Hotel

21st October 2011, Time 08h00 – 17h15.

This project is funded by the European Union
Objectives

- To disseminate information on EU plant health regime (Directive 2000/29), especially the principles of plant quarantine to policy makers, academia, and stakeholders from the private sector
- To increase understanding of the EU import control measures for plant products, including sampling methods and inspection
- To explain the background and functions of the EU plant health information system (EUROPHYT), which is an important tool for exchanging official information between plant health authorities of the EU Member States and the European Commission on non-compliance interceptions
- To raise awareness of the EU legislation on plant protection products and controls of pesticide residues
- To provide a forum for exchanging views among stakeholders and participants

Background

Thailand is one of the world’s major exporters of plants and plant products. In 2010, its exports of plant and plant products to the European Union (EU) totalled over 17 billion Baht (over 412 million Euros), representing 1% of total EU imports from the world.

Plants and plant products are of high economic importance in the EU. Therefore, policies on plant health are a cornerstone for protecting crops from harmful organisms. This in turn enhances sustainable and competitive agriculture, global food security, environmental protection and food safety, as a result of the decrease in pesticide use.

The EU plant health regime is established by Directive 2000/29/EC, which contains all measures and actions to be taken to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the European Union of harmful pests. The legislation not only regulates the movement within EU Member States of certain plants and plant products which are potential carriers of harmful organisms for the entire Community, but also contains provisions concerning the compulsory plant health checks on the certain products imported from third countries. Therefore, it is of importance that farmers, producers, packing houses and other stakeholders in the supply chain are well-aware of the requirements.

During this one-day seminar, participants will get a better understanding on the EU strategy against the introduction of harmful pests into the Community. This event provides a forum to discuss import controls and plant health issues experienced by local producers, exporters and traders, as well as an opportunity to exchange information and insights related to the EU requirements, to ensure a smooth trade relationship between the EU and Thailand.

Date: Friday, 21st October 2011, Time 08h00 – 17h15.

Venue: Vibhavadee Ballroom, Sofitel Centara Grand Hotel Bangkok Hotel

How to Attend:
- Register online at: www.TEC-II.net
- Fax reply form to Khun Siriporn at Fax: (+66) 2 693 1661
- E-mail reply form to Email: info.pdsc@gmail.com

Language: The seminar will be conducted in English with a simultaneous translation service in Thai.

Remark: The seminar is free of charge, and seats are confirmed on a first-come-first-serve basis.
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08h00 - 09h00 Registration

09h00 - 09h30 Opening ceremony

Mr. Jirakorn Kosaisawe, Director-General of Department of Agriculture
HE Mr. David Lipman, Ambassador and Head of EU Delegation to Thailand

09h30 - 10h15 EU Strategy against the introduction of harmful pests into the EU

Mr. Harry Arijs, Deputy Head of Unit (Plant Health), DG SANCO, European Commission

10h15 - 10h45 Morning break

10h45 - 11h15 Understanding EUROPHYT and the FVO

Mr. Nandor Pete, Head of Unit (Plant Health), Food and Veterinary Office (FVO)

11h15 - 11h45 Areas to be improved with regards to Thai Fruits & Vegetables export to the EU

Mr. Harry Arijs, Deputy Head of Unit (Plant Health), DG SANCO, European Commission

11h45 - 12h00 Q & A session

12h00 - 13h30 Lunch

13h30 - 14h00 Import Controls in the European Union in PLANTS

Mrs. Marjan Folkers, EU Expert

14h00 - 14h30 Import Controls in the European Union in Fruits & Vegetables

Mr. Wolfgang Willig, EU Expert

14h30 - 14h45 EU’s Export Helpdesk

Mr. Pekka Penttila, Trade Attache’, EU Delegation to Thailand

14h45 - 15h00 Q & A session

15h00 - 15h30 Afternoon Break

15h30 - 16h00 Pest management strategy under emergency situation, principles and practice

(To be indentified)

16h00 - 16h45 Quick view on the EU pesticide residue legislation and the Thailand’s measures to solve Plant Health problems

Dr. J.L.Alonso Prados, EU Expert

16h45 - 17h15 Q & A session

17h15 End of seminar

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(วันศุกร์ที่ 21 ตุลาคม 2554 เวลา 8.00 – 17.15 น.)

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