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OF THE
COLONY OF DOMINICA, BRITISH WEST INDIES

This summary of the plant-quarantine import restrictions of Dominica has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that Colony.

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BASIC LEGISLATION

The Plant Protection Ordinance, 1941, approved July 24, 1941.

Statutory Rules and Orders No. 37 of 1942 (Plant Protection (Importation) Regulations, 1942), as amended by Statutory Rules and Orders No. 5, of 1944, canceling Proclamations of August 5, 1932, February 20, 1934, and June 1, 1937, were made by the Governor in Council under authority of above ordinance.

INTRODUCTION

The regulations of the Colony of Dominica govern the entry of plants and their parts capable of propagation, including seeds, and fruits and vegetables (except cereals and pulses), their containers, wrappers and packing material, raw cotton products, soil, dung, and animal or vegetable organisms.

SUMMARY

General Entry Requirements

1. Phytosanitary certificates are not required as a condition of entry for importations from the United States. Entry requirements are as follows:

- a. Import permits are required only for special importations of "planting materials" which are conditionally prohibited. They must be obtained from the Governor in advance of importation. (see par. 21, p. 5)
- b. The port of Roseau is designated as the only port of entry, except for unrestricted items cited in paragraph 5 which may enter at any port. (See par. 8, p. 3.)

Importation Prohibited

2. Importation of the following products is prohibited:

- a. CITRUS (Citrus spp.) fruits from the United States and certain other countries. (See par. 20, p. 5.)

- b. COTTON (Gossypium spp.) plants, seed cotton, raw cotton in any form, cottonseed, cottonseed meal products, used sacks, bagging, unmanufactured pillows and bedding materials and their containers and packing materials, from the United States and certain other countries. (See pars. 16 to 18, p. 5.)
- c. PLANT MATERIAL importations by air express, except for articles listed in paragraph 5. (See par. 12, p. 4.)

Importation Conditionally Prohibited

3. Importation of the following products and their packing materials is prohibited, except material for propagation which may enter under an import permit issued by the Governor in advance and subject to prescribed conditions: (See par. 21, pp. 5 and 6.)

- a. BANANA (Musa spp. Linn.) fruits, plants, pseudostems, and parts thereof, except fruit of plantains. (See par. 19, p. 5.)
- b. CACAO (Theobroma cacao L.) plants and all parts thereof.
- c. CITRUS (Citrus spp.) plants and parts thereof, or any other member of the tribe Citrinae.
- d. COCONUT (Cocos nucifera L.) palms and parts thereof. (See par. 15, p. 5.)
- e. COFFEE (Coffea spp.) plants and parts thereof, except roasted coffee. (See par. 5, p. 3.)
- f. GRAMINEOUS plants and parts thereof, except straw used as a packing material.
- g. PLANTS in soil.
- h. SOIL AND DUNG containing earthy debris. (See par. 22, p. 6.)
- i. SUGARCANE (Saccharum officinarum L.) plants and parts thereof.

Importation Restricted

4. Except as indicated above and provided for in paragraph 5, plants and plant products originating in the United States may be imported into Dominica, although subject to inspection, treatment, detention in quarantine, or possible destruction on arrival.

Importation Unrestricted

5. Importations of the following shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraphs 8 and 12: Seeds of vegetable or ornamental plants from commercial seedsmen in the United States, United Kingdom, Eire, and Canada; dry hulled rice, nuts, commercial yeast, roasted coffee, dried or canned, candied or other processed fruits and vegetables, and plant products having been cooked, parboiled, or otherwise processed to be free from any animal or vegetable organism.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Definitions

6. In these regulations—

"British West Indies" means the British Islands in the Greater and Lesser Antilles, but does not include the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Guiana, and British Honduras.

"Fruits and Vegetables" mean any unprocessed plant or part thereof which is used for human food, but does not include cereals and pulses.

"Plant material" means any tree, shrub, herb, vegetable, fern or moss or any part thereof, and includes planting material.

"Planting material" means plants and parts thereof, including seeds, which are capable of propagation, but does not include cereals and pulses.

Inspection on Arrival

7. No animal or vegetable organism or other agent, not known to be generally distributed in the Colony, which is or is believed to be inimical to the growth of plants, shall be imported into the Colony, and no plant or other article or thing which is or is likely to be infested or infected with any organism or other agent as aforesaid shall, when imported, be delivered to or taken possession of by the owner or consignee thereof until it has been declared free from such infection by a Plant Protection Officer.

Authorized Port of Entry

8. All plants, soil, dung, living insects, nonmarine invertebrate animals, and accompanying containers or wrapping material brought to the Colony (except articles specified in paragraph 5) shall

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enter only through the port of Roseau. All such material or things shall be declared as such to the Treasurer or his officers at the port of entry or at the Post Office in Roseau and shall be examined by a Plant Protection Officer before delivery to the owner or consignee.

Treatment or Destruction Applied When Necessary

9. If, after examination of any plant or thing to which paragraph 8 applies, a Plant Protection Officer considers the importation inimical to the growth of plants, he may, as a precautionary measure against the introduction of insects and diseases, cause it to be detained under quarantine, or subject it to treatment by fumigation or other disinfection, detention in quarantine, or he may destroy it in part or in its entirety including cases and packages.

10. The importation, detention, and treatment of any articles covered by these regulations shall be entirely at the risk of the importer and all charges for storage, cartage, and labor incidental to the inspection and the cost of treatment, other than the services of the Plant Protection Officer, shall be borne by the importer.

11. Any articles imported in contravention of these regulations shall be confiscated by the Government for disposal as the Chief Plant Protection Officer may direct.

Air Express Importations Prohibited

12. No plant material, excepting the articles specified in paragraph 5, shall be brought to the Colony by air whether for importation or transshipment.

Importations for Scientific Purposes Authorized

13. Notwithstanding any prohibition or restriction contained in these regulations, the Agricultural Superintendent shall have power to import into the Colony any articles for use of the Agricultural Department.

IMPORTATION CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITED

Allspice

14. Fruit and all parts of allspice (Pimenta spp.) shall not be imported into the Colony from any island of the Greater Antilles on account of the fungus Puccinia psidii Wint.

Coconuts

15. The importation into the Colony of all parts of the coconut palm (Cocos nucifera L.) is prohibited except under permit issued in advance by the Governor: Provided, that ungerminated coconuts, copra, and processed coconut fiber may be imported from the British West Indies and British Guiana.

Cotton and Cotton Products

16. The importation of cottonseed, seed cotton, cotton lint, cotton linters, cottonseed meal and cake, and any accompanying containers and packing material is prohibited from all countries on account of the boll weevil (Anthonomus grandis Boh.), except from Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and British Colonies in the Windward and Leeward Islands under special permit and conditions prescribed in advance of importation by the Governor: Provided, that cottonseed meal and cake from the British Isles and Canada may be imported without prior authorization from the Governor.

17. The importation of any other part of the cotton plant not specified in paragraph 16, and any accompanying containers, is prohibited except that factory processed or manufactured articles of lint and linters may enter from any source.

18. The importation of pillows or bedding material, unless factory made, and used sacks, bags, or baling material which were used, or reasonably suspected to have been used to contain any part of the cotton plant, is prohibited from the United States, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, and British Honduras.

Fruits and Vegetables

19. Fruits and vegetables (except plantains, onions and potatoes, Solanum tuberosum L., which may be imported from any source) shall not be imported except from the United States, British Isles, Canada, New Zealand, British West Indies, British Guiana, Bermuda, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

20. Citrus fruit shall be imported only from the British West Indies excluding Trinidad and Tobago, and the British Virgin Islands.

Planting Material

21. The importation into the Colony of the following products and their wrapping materials is prohibited, except that "planting material" may enter under permit issued by the Governor with the concurrence of and in accordance with conditions prescribed by the Plant Quarantine Committee:



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- a. Banana, plantain, and any other member of the genus Musa Linn.; (see par. 19.);
- b. Cacao (Theobroma cacao L.);
- c. Citrus (Citrus spp.) or any other member of the tribe Citrinae;
- d. Coconut (Cocos nucifera L.);
- e. Coffee (Coffea spp.);
- f. Cotton (Gossypium spp.);
- g. Gramineous plants and parts thereof including seeds, except straw used as a packing material;
- h. Planting material growing in or accompanied by soil;
- i. Sugarcane (Saccharum officinarum L.) and parts thereof, including fuzz.

Soil and Dung

22. Soil and dung shall not be imported into the Colony except through the Plant Quarantine Station under permit of the Governor with the concurrence of the Plant Quarantine Committee.