



Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures in Turkmenistan

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I. Legal Framework for SPS Measures

A. International Agreements

Agreement between the Government of Turkmenistan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on International River Passenger and Cargo Transport of 16 January 1996;

Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Plant Quarantine with the CIS Countries of 13 November 1992;

I. Legal Framework for SPS Measures

Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of Turkmenistan on Cooperation in the Field of Plant Quarantine of 29 April 1995;

Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine between the Government of Turkmenistan and the Government of Iran of 16 June 2007;

Protocol of Agreement of 10 June 1997 between the Quarantine Service of Turkmenistan and the Quarantine Service of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

B. National Laws and Regulations

Law on Quality and Safety of Food (2009);

Sanitary Code of Turkmenistana (2009);

Law of Turkmenistan On Plant Quarantine, signed by the President of Turkmenistan on 15 August 2009. This Law establishes legal framework and principles of implementation of the government measures for the protection of the territory of Turkmenistan from the entry from foreign countries of quarantine and other dangerous pests, diseases and weeds, which may cause damage to the economy of the country.

B. National Laws and Regulations

Plant quarantine legislation of Turkmenistan is based on the Constitution of Turkmenistan and normative legal acts of Turkmenistan, governing plant quarantine issues.

Rules of External Plant Quarantine in Turkmenistan, approved by the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, No. 16 of 7 October 1997.

Statute of Turkmenistan Plant Quarantine.

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

A. Государственная санитарно-эпидемиологическая служба Министерства здравоохранения и медицинской промышленности Туркменистана;

State Plant Quarantine Service.

- ***SPS function of the agency***

Exercising state sanitary supervision over compliance with sanitary legislation of Turkmenistan

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- regulations promulgated by the agency; year; status of implementation

- Main Rules and Standards in Ensuring Quality and Safety of Food Staples and Food (2009);
- Instruction on Procedures of Examination, Removal from Trading Circulation, Disposal or Destruction of Substandard and Dangerous to Human Life and Health Foods, and Materials and Articles Contacting with Food (2009);
- Guidelines on Sampling of Food, Materials, and Articles Contacting with Food for Laboratory Testing and Examination for Purposes of State Supervision, State Registration and Certification (2009);

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- SPS practices

- analyzes sanitary and phytosanitary risks, and on this basis develops and submits to the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan for approval a list of quarantine pests for which the state plant quarantine measures shall be established;
- coordinates activities of legal persons and individuals in complying with sanitary and phytosanitary regulations, directives and general recommendations on the application of measures for countering the spread of plant diseases;
- conducts examination, sampling and laboratory testing;

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- conducts surveys of plants during the growth season, covering cultivated areas and wild flora, and also of the plants and plant products in storage or transit for the purpose of collecting information as to the spread and hotbeds of quarantine pests, and also for pest control;
- maintains records of the spread of quarantine pests and provides information to the stakeholders;
- establishes and abolishes quarantine zones and quarantine regime;

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- drafts, within its competence, normative legal acts and guidelines, and submits them to the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan for approval;
- develops quarantine conditions for import of seeds, plants and plant products, and industrial goods from other countries, conditions of transportation of such products within Turkmenistan, and regimes and conditions of their use;

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- supervises targeted and rational use of funding and material resources allocated for quarantine measures;
- exercises quarantine inspection, laboratory examination and phytosanitary control of the imported quarantineable products;
- organizes and conducts disinfection of quarantineable products and vehicles as required by the rules and instructions on plant quarantine;
- inspects imported quarantineable planting and seed materials in introductory and quarantine gardens;

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- develops jointly with research organizations quarantine measures, based on international standards and recommendations, and supervises their compliance by legal persons and individuals;
- issues phytosanitary certificates, re-export phytosanitary certificates, and import quarantine permits for quarantineable products;
- exercises phytosanitary certification of plants and plant products exported from Turkmenistan.

II. SPS Management Roles, Functions, and Responsibilities

- SPS facility (e.g., laboratory, quarantine) of the agency

Experimental and Production Center with testing laboratories;

Sanitary and epidemiological services in Ashgabat and velayats with testing laboratories.

III. SPS Risk Assessment and Border Procedures

- Any cargoes with plant materials, industrial goods and vehicles arriving at Turkmenistan are subject to mandatory phytosanitary inspection and quarantine examination and border crossing points and at the points of destination and unloading.
- The state authorized plant quarantine body exercises its activities in close interaction and cooperation with border guard, customs, law enforcement and other government authorities.

III. SPS Risk Assessment and Border Procedures

Physical Inspection – mandatory physical inspection

Laboratory testing – mandatory laboratory testing

Handling and treatment of perishables: cool-/cold-chain integrity

Priority handling (operations) of perishables at border-crossing points