

**Regulation**  
**On**  
**Plant Quarantine Services**

Date: **2000**

**Chapter one**  
**General Provisions**

**Article 1**

This regulation has been enacted based on Article 37 of Plant Quarantine Law.

**Article 2**

MAIL is responsible for plant quarantine in the country and renders its activities in the national and international level through its Plant Protection and Quarantine Dept.

**Article 3**

Plant Protection and Quarantine Dept. is consisted of a director and deputy director in the center and general unit directors and professional/administrative subordinates in the provincial level where they work under MAIL and provisions of laws.

**Chapter two**  
**Roles and responsibilities**

**Article 4**

Plant Protection and Quarantine Department in center and its related units in the provincial level are responsible for the following duties:

- 1- To identify quarantine stations;
- 2- To prepare collections of plant diseases and herbs;
- 3- To prevent the outbreak of plant/herbal diseases from abroad to the country and from country to abroad;
- 4- To review phytosanitary certificates and make sure of their validity;

- 5- To test imported plant products and make sure that they are free from diseases and quarantine herbs;
- 6- To disinfect plant products and transportation facilities moving from abroad/domestic quarantine areas to other places in Afghanistan,
- 7- To test plant products ready for export;
- 8- To examine agricultural product stores and other domestic supplies to timely discover plant/herbal diseases and to categorize the Afghanistan areas from perspective of plant quarantines,
- 9- To cooperate with national/international scientific organizations to fight plant/herbal diseases;
- 10- To incorporate results form tests and studies and raise public awareness on how to fight quarantine diseases and herbals;
- 11- To test agricultural seeds, slips, saplings, ornamental plants and other imported plants from abroad aimed to be grown in Emirate/private farmlands and greenhouses;
- 12- To review tenders/contracts on transportation of plant products signed with other countries to make sure that they meet international plant quarantine regulations and make comments on such contracts.

## **Article 5**

Upon arrival of plant product consignments the customs, post offices, airports and border ports are responsible to the followings:

- 1- To record arrival date, quantity, number of parcels and baggage and report them to plant quarantine officials.