

Resolution # 268 of the Government of the Russian Federation Dated April 23, 1992
"On the State Service on Quarantine of Plants in the Russian Federation"
(incorporates changes dated October 1, 1998)

Also please refer to Federal Law # 99-FZ dated July 15, 2000 "On Quarantine of Plants"

With a view to ensuring more efficient organization and operation of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants, the Government of the Russian Federation has resolved:

1. To designate the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation as the lead agency for the organization of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants of the Russian Federation in charge of preventing penetration from foreign countries of quarantine and other dangerous parasites and plant diseases and quarantine weeds.
2. To adopt the attached Regulations on the State Service on Quarantine of Plants in the Russian Federation.
3. To instruct the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Trade and Material Resources of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Communications of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, Central Union of Consumers' Cooperation of the Russian Federation, other ministries and departments of the Russian Federation, governments of constituent republics of the Russian Federation, to bodies of executive power of autonomous entities, krais and oblasts, cities of Moscow and Saint Petersburg to develop and carry out a complex of state actions to strengthen the protection of the territory of the Russian Federation from the spread and proliferation from foreign countries of quarantine and other dangerous parasites, plant diseases and weeds, and to ensure timely identification and localization of their sources.
4. To instruct the Ministry of Security of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation and the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation to render assistance to the State Service on Quarantine of Plants in accordance with their respective mandates.

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Regulations on the State Service on Quarantine of Plants in the Russian Federation

(adopted by Resolution # 268 of the Government of the Russian Federation Dated April 23, 1992
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1. The State Service on Quarantine of Plants in the Russian Federation*) shall ensure the protection of the territory of Russia from the penetration from foreign countries of quarantine and other dangerous parasites, plant diseases and seeds of weeds which can cause significant damage to the national economy.

On the veterinary and quarantine control please refer to Letter # 01-13/6235 of the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation dated May 4, 1995.

Paragraph 2 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version.

2. The State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall be composed of the following components:

the State Inspection on Quarantine of Plants under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation;

In accordance with Resolution # 924 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated August 3, 1996, the State Inspection on Quarantine of Plants of the Russian Federation was classified as once of the to permanent alert forces at the federal level of the integrated state system for the prevention and liquidation of emergency situations.

the All-Russia Scientific Research Institute of Quarantine of Plants and its regional network;

border state and state inspections on quarantine of plants in republics, krais, oblasts, autonomous entities, quarantine laboratories, fumigation groups, expeditions, state city and inter-rayon inspections on quarantine of plants, border quarantine stations at sea and river ports (on quays), at railway stations, airports, post offices and highways, regional and inter-rayon plant quarantine stations;

The state inspections and other entities in charge of quarantine of plants shall form the uniform centralized State Service on Quarantine of Plants.

Paragraph 3 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

3. Activities of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall be guided by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, Decrees and Instructions of the president of the Russian Federation, Resolutions and Directives of the Government of the Russian Federation, other regulatory legal acts and these Regulations.

4. The primary goals of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall include:

carrying out quarantine examinations and laboratory examinations of products of plant origin and other materials delivered to the republic from foreign countries, including the plants in luggage, mail and hand luggage of passengers, and in vehicles arriving to the republic from other countries;

ensuring improved quarantine disinfection of products of plant origin and other materials and vehicles arriving from other countries and from the quarantine zones;

carrying out quarantine examination of products of plant origin and other materials intended for export;

carrying out control inspections of agricultural and others lands, places of storage and processing of products of plant origin with the purpose of timely identification of quarantine parasites, plants diseases and weeds;

establishment of quarantine districts and microdistricts on the territory of the Russian Federation;

participation, in cooperation with research establishments, in the preparation and implementation of effective action against quarantine parasites, plants diseases and weeds;

large-scale introduction of scientific achievements and best practices; raising public awareness of the action against quarantine parasites, plant diseases and weeds;

exercising state control over the performance of quarantine actions by ministries, departments, institutions, enterprises, associations, organizations and individuals;

exercising control over the activity of quarantine facilities, plant testing facilities and greenhouses engaged in checking the quarantine condition of seeds and plants delivered from other countries, and from the quarantine zones on the territory of the republic;

supervision of crops and plantations at research establishments seed-growing and flower and decor facilities with a view to ensure that seeds and planting material produced are free from quarantine parasites, plant diseases and weeds;

exercising control over the implementation of actions mandated by the international conventions and agreements with other countries in the field of quarantine of plants;

elaborating draft regulations, rules and instructions governing activities in the field of external and internal quarantine of plants;

studying the species structure and bioecology of parasites, plant diseases and weeds which are not present or present on a limited scale on the territory of the republic, and on that basis, developing a draft list of parasites of plants, plant diseases and weeds subject to state action on quarantine of plants;

developing conditions of import from other countries of products of plant origin and others materials subject to quarantine, conditions of transportation of such from quarantine zones products inside the country, and conditions of the of such products and materials;

developing methods of quarantine examination, laboratory examination, diagnostics of latent contamination and disinfection of products of plant origin and other materials.

5. State inspectors of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall have the following rights:

to freely enter the territory of sea, river ports and quays; airports, railway stations, post offices, grain depots, warehouses, merchant marine vessels, passenger vessels, in freight and passenger carriages, civilian planes, fields of collective farms, state farms, experimental and research organizations, subsidiary farms, personal plots of land, nurseries, gardens and vineyards, greenhouses and other facilities of various organizations and individuals, and enterprises engaged in the production and sales of products of plant origin;

to receive from administration of customs houses, sea, river ports and quays, airports, railway stations and other enterprises and organizations data on arriving, stored and shipped products of plant origin;

to request documents pertaining to such products, to forbid unloading of the cargoes infected with quarantine parasites;

to select samples of seeds, plants and other products for checking and subsequent laboratory examination;

to introduce quarantine actions in places of detection of quarantine items, and impose restrictions on export and use of products before the quarantine actions have been implemented;

On cooperation in the field of quarantine of plants please refer to the inter-government agreement of member-states of the CIS dated November 13, 1992.

Paragraph 5 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998 with the following paragraphs being added:

The Head of the State Inspection on Quarantine of Plants under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation shall hold the post of Chief State Inspector on Quarantine of Plants of the Russian Federation, and Deputy Heads of the Service shall hold the posts of Deputy Chief State Inspector on Quarantine of Plants of the Russian Federation;

chiefs of border state and state inspections on quarantine of plants in republics, krajs, oblasts, cities, autonomous entities shall simultaneously hold the posts of chief state inspectors on quarantine of plants of the corresponding regions, and their assistants – the posts of deputy chief state inspectors on quarantine of plants of the corresponding regions;

chiefs of border, regional, inter-rayon inspections and stations on quarantine of plants, experts of the state inspections on quarantine of plants shall simultaneously hold the on the post of state inspectors on quarantine of plants.

Paragraph 6 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

6. The State Inspection on Quarantine of Plants under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation shall issue import quarantine permits for seeds, planting material and other quarantine products of plant origin delivered from these countries, and on quarantine cargoes transiting through the territory of the republic.

7. State inspections on quarantine of plants shall issue certificates and other documents on products intended for export; on the right to transportation and use of domestically-produced and imported seeds, planting material and other quarantine products of plant origin, and containers used for transporting products of plant origin, arrange for implementation of and control over disinfection of quarantine products of plant origin.

Paragraph 8 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

8. Regulations, rules and instructions on quarantine of plants of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and orders and instructions of bodies of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants adopted in accordance with their respective mandates shall be obligatory for all institutions, enterprises, associations, organizations, individuals engaged in the production, preparation, storage, processing and transportation of products of plant origin. All actions on localization and liquidation of sources of quarantine parasites, plant diseases and weeds shall be carried out using the resources of the owners and users of the land plots involved; and examination and disinfection of products, warehouses, containers, transportation means, and implementation of other quarantine actions – using the resources of their owners.

Paragraph 9 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

9. Employees of the state inspections on quarantine of plants shall wear uniforms in the course of performance of their official duties. The uniform design shall be adopted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation in coordination with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.

Paragraph 10 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

10. The Head of the State Inspection on Quarantine of Plants and Director of the All-Russia Institute on Quarantine of Plants shall be appointed and dismissed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation.

Paragraph 11 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

11. The State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall be financed from the federal budget and revenues derived from the rendering of paid services.

Paragraph 12 of these Regulations was changed by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

12. Instructions on activities of the state inspections on quarantine of plants and other bodies of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall be issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation.

13. Bodies of the State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall have seals with the image of the State Emblem of the Russian Federation and special stamps.

14. The State Service on Quarantine of Plants shall be provided with material resources through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Economy of the Russian Federation.

Paragraphs 15 and 16 were added to these Regulations by Resolution # 1143 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated October 1, 1998. Please refer to the previous version

15. To instruct the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation in coordination with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation to adopt the list of paid and free services provided by the State Service on Quarantine of Plants, specifying the price for each kind of paid services.

16. Violations in the field of quarantine of plants shall entail administrative or other liability in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

*) State Service on Quarantine of Plants