

### **The steps to examine the wheat consignments arriving to the Country**

- The consignment (a ship carrying wheat) arrives to the port and it stops at the waiting space outside the port area.
- The concerned person (private or public sector) submits an application to the Plant Quarantine Center includes information about the consignment (name of ship, date of arrival, origin and source of goods , name of the importer) attached to which a declaration states that the wheat is brought for the purpose of manufacturing (milling) exclusively . Enclosed to the application and the declaration photocopies of the following documents: (import permit, certificate of origin, phytosanitary certificate, bill of lading) in accordance with instructions of Decision 23/t dated 18.02.2008.
- Photocopies of the documents are checked by the Plant Quarantine Center (the authorized plant protection technicians).
- The Plant Quarantine Center's personnel in presence of a representative of the concerned person (the importer whether has been a public or a private sector) and a representative of the Customs Department (customs inspector) will go by sea to location of the ship, they embark on it and start to withdraw samples.
- The simple samples are withdrawn from every hold from (50 points) in the one hold at different depths reaching to bottom of the hold. From every hold contains 5000 tons quantity simple samples weighing 100 Kg in total are taken pursuant to the content of Decision 6277/t dated 26.07.2009 about the plant samples withdrawing.
- The simple samples withdrawn from the ship are brought to the Plant Quarantine Center; the simple samples are separated in the special separator in presence of representative of the concerned person and the customs inspector as the composite sample whose weight is estimated at 90-100 Kg is formed.

- The composite sample is divided into two halves (a half for the visible insect examination and a half for the samples intended to be tested). The withdrawn samples are subjected to an initial sensory examination by the Plant Quarantine's personnel to make sure they are free of the living insect infection. In case they were unharmed, the composite sample intended to be tested is randomly distributed in seven jars (5 kg capacity each jar) to be distributed as follows: four of which to the Plant Quarantine and three to the Syrian for Grains; the jars are crisscross wrapped with adhesive bandage, they are sealed with red wax and signed by the concerned persons.
- The Plant Quarantine delivers the three jars of the Syrian for Grains to its representative who in turn distributes them as follows: a sample to the Grains' laboratory, a sample to the Supply's laboratory, a witness sample to the concerned person. The Syrian for Grains' representative follows up later the subject of results relating to the specifications of the imported wheat since the responsibility for how valid to the human consumption and how in conformity with the Syrian Standard Specifications falls to the Syrian for Grains according to the Instructions No. 7 of year 2009 concerning import of wheat to both the public and the private sectors.
- The Quarantine Center distributes the four jars which belong to it as follows: a sample to the Herbs Seeds' laboratory, a sample to the Diseases' laboratory to detect the ergot disease and the smuts, a sample to the nematode's laboratory, a witness sample to be kept at the Quarantine Center and the samples are taken to the approved laboratories through an official task on a car of the government accompanied by a plant protection technician who duly delivers the samples to the approved laboratories in accordance with Decision No. 201/t dated 21.09.2010.
- The results that are sent from the laboratories to which the samples have been sent are received by the Plant Quarantine Center pursuant to the instructions of Decision 158/t dated 29.04.2012.

- The Economic Committee recommended in its session No. 28 dated 16.06.2014 to allow the public sector's imports of wheat a percentage of ergot of rye fungus (ergot) at 2 per ten thousand and the private sector a percentage of 0.5 per ten thousand within special conditions connected to destroying of the products of sieving and washing in the mills by burning and not to dispose of the imported wheat out of the purpose it has been for which imported (milling exclusively) as the Economic Committee's recommendation is still applicable to this date.
- The fees of analyzing the sample and transporting it as less-cost imports are collected for the public treasury according to Decision 103/t dated 24.04.2017.
- The concerned person (the importer whether has been a public sector or a private sector) undertakes to submit the original documents duly legalized within 3 months from the date when the manifest has been released. The letter of Ministry of Agriculture, Plant Protection Directorate No. 477/w.q dated 29.03.2020.
- In case the consignment has not been in conformity with the phytosanitary conditions and the Syrian Standard Specifications, a rejection report shall be prepared, the Customs Department and the General Company of Port are sent a letter to reject the consignment and to re-export it as soon as possible the Decision 23/t dated 18.02.2008.

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