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Import Division – Plant Quarantine Service



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Israel import requirements for lemon fruit from Turkey

The fruit must meet the following requirements:

Country free declaration

1. The fruit originate in a country recognized as free from: *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *aurantifolii*; *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri*; *Pseudocercospora angolensis*; *Phyllosticta citricarpa*; *Bactrocera dorsalis*; *Diaphorina citri*; *Trioza erytraea*.

Measures related to the certified production site

1. All places of production (orchard/plot per grower) should be approved and registered by the NPPO for participation in the exportation season of lemon fruit to Israel (a list of approved production sites (orchard/plot) will be sent to PPIS before export).
2. Each grower registered to export to Israel is obliged to work according to a documented Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved by the NPPO. The SOP is a list of step-by-step instructions which details all the requirements and processes that should be implemented in the orchard during the entire season and comprise the integrated measures against Citrus chlorotic dwarf virus and Citrus yellow vein clearing virus.
3. Orchard inspection: registered and approved growers undergo visual inspection to detect disease symptoms, once a month during the last 3 months prior to export, with a threshold for additional control measures. Each approved plot should also undergo a laboratory testing for freedom from Citrus chlorotic dwarf virus and Citrus yellow vein clearing virus once a year. Corrective measures or disqualifications of the plot from the approval are implemented according to the SOP. A documented report of viruses findings should be made for each single plot in the orchard and kept until the end of the season.

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4. Vectors control: integrated pest management (IPM) is applied in the orchards against the vectors of both viruses either according to a detection threshold or in a preventive manner. The IPM methodology against the insect vectors is included in the SOP.
5. Harvest: Fruit with visible symptoms of the viruses should be removed during the picking and sorting in the plot.

Packinghouses requirements

6. Packinghouses should be registered and certified by NPPO and operate in accordance to international food safety standards.
7. The fruit will be visually inspected in an approved packinghouse (a list of approved packinghouses will be sent to PPIS before export).
8. Packinghouses are required to source lemon only from registered commercial production sites to facilitate trace back of export fruit. Records of growers supplying lemon for export to Israel must be maintained by packinghouses and made available to NPPO of Turkey and PPIS upon request.
9. Packinghouses are required to have well-documented standard operating procedures (SOPs), approved by the NPPO, which describes in detail all processes related to grading, handling (including washing and disinfection) and packing. The SOP is a list of step-by-step instructions which detail all of requirements and processes that should be implemented in the packinghouse and comprises the integrated measures for pest risk management .
10. It is the responsibility of the packinghouse to make sure that the registered plot is approved by the NPPO for export to Israel.
11. Traceability is kept; each lot in a consignment should be identified in a way that can be traced back to the place of production and packinghouse.
12. Grading: Fruit should be sorted manually by professional trained line workers, which remove any disqualified fruit.



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13. Inspection: Packinghouses should have Quality Control (QC) stations and qualified trained QC personnel who carry out the phytosanitary inspection, on representative samples of the fruit that arrive from the plot per arrival. The inspection should be performed in several steps during sorting and handling of the fruit.

14. All boxes must be marked with a label stating that the produce originated in Turkey.

15. Each pallet should be labeled as 'Approved for Israel' and stored in a designated cool room 'Export to Israel only'.

Consignment inspection

16. The fruit must be pre-shipment officially inspected for freedom from *Phenacoccus madeirensis*; *Aonidiella citrina*; *Pseudococcus comstocki* and *Comstockaspis perniciosus*.

17. The inspection will include a representative sample as specified in ISPM31, to provide a level of confidence of 95% to detect 0.5% level of infestation.

Other conditions

18. The fruit have been washed and waxed.

19. The fruit must be free from peduncles and leaves.

20. A list of growers and lots identifying the consignment will be attached to the phytosanitary certificate.

Additional declarations

The Phytosanitary Certificate should include the following additional declarations:

1. The fruit originate in a country recognized as free from: *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *aurantifolii*; *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri*; *Pseudocercospora angolensis*; *Phyllosticta citricarpa*; *Bactrocera dorsalis*; *Diaphorina citri*; *Trioza erytrae*.

2. The fruit originate from an approved plot known to be free from Citrus chlorotic dwarf virus and Citrus yellow vein clearing virus based on visual inspection to disease symptoms carried out once a month during the last 3 months prior to export and laboratory testing once a year.

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3. The consignment was officially inspected prior to export as specified in ISPM31, to provide a level of confidence of 95% to detect 0.5% level of infestation and found free from *Phenacoccus madeirensis*; *Aonidiella citrina*; *Pseudococcus comstocki* and *Comstockaspis perniciosus*.