

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF PLANTS FOR THE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE (WOC) 2011

To facilitate a smooth post entry inspection and clearance of all plant consignments for the World Orchid Conference (WOC) 2011, the organizers would like to seek the cooperation of importers and participants to bring in only plant materials that are free of pests and diseases.

2 All plant materials brought in must comply with CITES (where applicable) and phytosanitary requirements.

Requirements for CITES Listed Plants

3. Import requirements for CITES plants are as follows:

- A. **Appendix I (Wild) species – Not allowed**

- B. Appendix I (Artificially Propagated) plants and Appendix II (Wild) species
 - a. CITES import permit from AVA
 - b. CITES export/re-export permit from country of origin

- C. Appendix II (Artificially Propagated) plants
 - a. CITES export or re-export permit **OR**
 - b. Written permission **OR**
 - c. Certificate of Artificial Propagation

4 Participants for the WOC 2011 Orchid Show should ensure that the CITES listed plants are registered with AVA, at least 1 week before the WOC with the following details:

- a. Name of participant
- b. Country
- c. Name of plants
- d. Number of plants

5 Registration should be done through The Show Secretariat whereby the list will be submitted to AVA on behalf of participants. Plants that are brought in without relevant CITES certificates may not be returned to the home country or re-exported to another country. These plants will be surrendered to AVA after the WOC.

6 Participants who possess plants that have not been registered with The Show Secretariat/AVA and which have been imported in non-compliance to Singapore's CITES requirements, may be subject to a composition sum of up to \$2500 and forfeiture of the plants.

7 For more details on the “[CITES Import Regulatory Requirements for Orchids](#)”, please refer to annex 1.

Phytosanitary requirements

A. Plants

8 A phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin is required for plants imported for the WOC. The growing medium has to be certified free from plant parasitic nematodes through laboratory analysis or appropriate treatment with nematicides. Plants are subject to post entry inspection within 1-2 days upon arrival and an import permit fee of \$11(per consignment basis) will also be levied.

9 Participants whose plants do not meet the phytosanitary requirements will be subject to an inspection charge of \$12 for 10 plants or less. For 10 plants or more, an inspection charge of \$50 will be levied and a composition sum of up to \$250 may be imposed.

a Plants from West Malaysia

10 For plants coming from West Malaysia, phytosanitary certificates, CITES permits or Certificate of Artificial Propagation may be obtained from the relevant Malaysian authorities at their offices in Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Penang and Johor Bahru. An export licence from West Malaysia is also required before export is allowed. The Malaysian authorities would tag the plants for the Exhibition/Show.

The address for the Johor Bahru and Kuala Lumpur offices as follow:

- (i) [Johor Bahru](#)
Crop Protection And Plant Quarantine Division
Department of Agriculture
256 Jalan Abdul Samad
80100 Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Tel: 07-2239395

- (ii) [Kuala Lumpur](#)
Department of Agriculture
Plant Protection & Quarantine Division
Floor 1-3 Wisma Tani, Jalan Sultan Salahuddin
50632, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: 03-20301400

b Return of Plants to West Malaysia after WOC

11 Participants who wish to bring the plants back to West Malaysia after the WOC are required to obtain an import permit from the Malaysian authorities. Application for import permit could be done electronically and a Malaysian address was required. Applicants are required to register with the service provider. A registration fee of RM 200 and a stamp duty of RM 10 would be charged. In addition, applicants are also required to make a deposit of RM 150 with Department of Agriculture (DOA), Malaysia.

For ease of application, exhibitors should apply for import permits through associations in Malaysia that would be participating in the Exhibition/Show.

The Malaysian authorities also need participants to obtain from the AVA a CITES re-export permit or Certificate of Artificial Propagation (in the form of a phytosanitary certificate with the clause that the plants are artificially propagated) before allowing for the return of the plants. AVA will be able to issue these certification provided the plants are covered by relevant CITES certification.

c Malaysia Import Requirements

(1) **Appendix I Artificially Propagated Plants**

- (i) Import permit from DOA
- (ii) CITES re-export permit (in the form of a phytosanitary certificate from AVA)
- (iii) List of plant materials and tagged with serial numbers

(2) **Appendix II Artificially Propagated Plants**

- (i) All of the above except (iii)

NB: The conditions for the export and re-export of plants from Malaysia are stipulated by the Malaysian authorities.

B. Cut Flowers

12 Cut flowers for commercial and non-commercial purposes do not require a phytosanitary certificate for import except for flowers imported from the American Tropics.

13 Flowers from the American Tropics require a phytosanitary certificate with the following additional declaration that has to be endorsed in the phytosanitary certificate:

- a. The flowers are free from *Microcyclus ulei* (South American Leaf Blight),
or
- b. The flowers are sourced from regions that are free from *Microcyclus ulei* (South American Leaf Blight)

14 If you need further clarifications, you can email [Ong Ai Khim@ava.gov.sg](mailto:Ong_Ai_Khim@ava.gov.sg) or Tel: 67530658.

CITES IMPORT REGULATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ORCHIDS

Annex 1

Plant Category	Appendix I¹ – Wild collected	Appendix I¹ – AP* Species/Hybrid tissue cultured in vitro/flasks+	Appendix I¹ – AP* Species	Appendix II² - Wild	Appendix II² – AP* Species/Hybrid Seedlings or tissue cultures obtained in vitro	Appendix II² – AP* Species	Appendix I¹ & II² – AP* Hybrids	Appendix II² – AP* Hybrid – <i>Cymbidium, Dendrobium, Phalaenopsis & Vanda</i>
Import Pathway								
Commercial Import	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed (If from CITES registered nurseries)	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Non Commercial Import	≠ Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Permit Requirement								
CITES import permit from Singapore	Required	Not required	Required	Required	Not required	Not required	Not required	Not required
☼CITES export or re-export permit from country of origin	Required	Not required	Required or valid AP Certificate	Required	Not required	Required or valid AP Certificate	Required or valid AP Certificate	Not required

Plant Category	Appendix I¹ - Wild	Appendix I¹ – AP* Pure/Hybrid – Tissue cultured in vitro/flasks+	Appendix I¹ – AP* Species	Appendix II² - Wild	Appendix II² – AP* Pure/Hybrid – Seedlings or tissue cultures obtained in vitro	Appendix II² – AP* Species	Appendix II² – AP* Hybrids	Appendix II² – AP* Hybrid – <i>Cymbidium,</i> <i>Dendrobium,</i> <i>Phalaenopsis</i> <i>& Vanda</i>
Permit Requirement								
Phytosanitary Certificate from exporting country	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
AVA Import permit	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required

¹ *Aerangis ellisii*, *Dendrobium cruentum*, *Laelia jongheana*, *Laelia lobata*, *Paphiopedilum spp.*, *Peristeria elata*, *Phragmipedium spp.*, *Renanthera imschootiana*

² Orchidaceae spp

NA – Not applicable

* Artificially propagated

+ All sterile unopened flasks, bottles, or containers etc

☒ Only for scientific and research purposes

☒ Certificate of export/re-export from country of origin

- When a plant originates from country A and country A exports the plant to country B, a certificate of export from country A is needed to be presented to country B
- When a plant in country A originates from another country C, when country A exports this plant to country B, a certificate of re-export from country A is needed to be presented to country B
- For artificially propagated plants, some countries issue a CITES export or re-export certificate for this certification whereas some countries issue a Artificial Propagation Certificate

☒ The Cargo Clearance Permit (CCP) is used in lieu of the AVA import permit (IP) when planting materials comply with import requirements published on our website @ www.ava.gov.sg. IP are not issued in advance. Hand carried plants or plants transported across the Causeway or Tuas checkpoint where Singapore Customs does not need declarations to be made electronically, participants are advised to register with The Show Secretariat at least one week before the WOC.