**DIRECTORATE OF PLANT PROTECTION, QUARANTINE & STORAGE (DPPQS)**

**Who They Are**

Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage was established for advising the Government of India and state governments on all the matter related to Plant Protection. Plant protection activities encompasses activities aimed to minimizing crop losses due to pests through integrated pest management, plant quarantine, regulation of pesticides, locust warning & control and training in desert areas besides training and capacity building in plant protection. It is an attached Office of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare ,Govt of India (www.ppqs.gov.in)

**What They Do**

**Phyto-sanitary certificates and fumigation certificates**

* The Phyto-sanitary certificate and the [fumigation certificate](https://www.dripcapital.com/en-in/resources/blog/fumigation-certificate) can be demanded by the buyer. In case of grains, seeds and spices fumigation is even mandatory in many countries. These certificates may be named differently depending on product and country but are essentially documentation proving adherence to international norms. Exporters must ensure they keep them ready before packaging.
* The Phyto-sanitary certificate is compulsory from India while shipping agricultural commodities such as fresh fruits and vegetables, cereal grains, rice, maize, wheat, millets, flours, groundnuts, pulses, flowers, spices, tea, etc.
* Phyto-Sanitary Certificate is issued by an authorized person of National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO). NPPO functions under DPPQS. Fumigation certificate is issued by DPPQS accredited agencies.

**Export Procedure**

Inspection of agricultural commodities meant for export as per the requirements of importing countries under International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) 1951 of FAO as per the model certificates prescribed under IPPC and issue Phytosanitary Certificate:

The export inspections are carried out to facilitate certification of exportable plants and plant material as per the requirement of importing country in line with the above Convention. The export inspections involves sampling and detailed laboratory tests in case of seeds and planting material for propagation whereas visual examination with hand lens and washing tests, etc are carried out for plant material meant for consumption. The export inspections are conducted at exporters’ premises also to facilitate exports for agricultural commodities meant for consumption. The flow chart for various steps involved in export certification is at Annexure-V.

More details could be seen at: <http://plantquarantineindia.nic.in/PQISPub/html/Export.htm>

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