

Rules for Import of plants and plant products

In accordance with the rules for the importation of plants and plant products from outside the EU it is not allowed to import plants, seeds, fruit and other plant products by post and parcels from outside the EU. This also applies to plants and plant products sent by post and parcels.

The rules are specified in EU regulation called the Phytosanitary Regulation. It aims to protect our natural and cultural landscape as well as crop production from serious diseases and pests that can accompany plant products.

In accordance with these rules, it is not allowed to import plants, seeds, fruit and other plant products by post and parcels from countries outside the EU without a phytosanitary certificate.

The rules also apply to smaller quantities of plants and plant products. The only exceptions to these rules are pineapple, coconut, banana, durian and date, which can be freely imported

Phytosanitary certificate and import inspection

If you receive plantable plants from non-EU countries, including certain types of seeds for sowing, these must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate and you must pre-notify for import control. The imported goods must afterwards go through an inspection by the Danish Agricultural Agency. Please note, that you will be billed for this inspection.

If you receive fruits, vegetables, cut flowers or other living plant parts from non-EU countries that are not intended for planting, these must still be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate. However, you are not obliged to pre-notify for import control. By default, The Danish Agricultural Agency is not obligated to import-control plants deliverable through the recipient's mailbox, except plantable plants. However, the Danish Customs Agency carries out randomized postal inspections to ensure, that all import regulations are being followed. If the Danish Customs Agency suspects a violation, customs agents will withhold the given parcel(s) and alert the Danish Agricultural Agency, which will process the matter.

The rules also imply that several types of plants for planting are subject to a ban on imports.

For further information:

You can read more about plants and plant products that require a phytosanitary certificate and about imported plants and plant products in the Danish Agricultural Agency's guidance on imports of plants and plant products: [Rapport \(lbst.dk\)](#)

You can read more about the specific rules on the Danish Agricultural Agency's website: [Importregler for private - Landbrugsstyrelsen \(lbst.dk\)](#)

You will find answers to the most frequently asked questions about import rules for private individuals here: [FAQ importregler for private - Landbrugsstyrelsen \(lbst.dk\)](#)