

§ 355.10

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Import (imported, importing, importation). To land on, bring into, or introduce into, or attempt to land on, bring into, or introduce into, any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, whether or not such landing, bringing, or introduction constitutes an importation within the meaning of the customs laws of the United States.

Inspector. Any employee of Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or other person, authorized by the Deputy Administrator in accordance with law to enforce the provisions of the Act and Convention, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Person. Any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other private entity; or any officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, of any State or political subdivision thereof or of any foreign government.

Plant. Any member of the plant kingdom, including seeds, roots and other parts thereof.

Plant Protection and Quarantine. The organizational unit within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, delegated responsibility for enforcing provisions of the Act and Convention, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Reexport (reexported, reexportation). To export following importation.

Secretary. The Secretary of Agriculture, or any other officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture to whom authority to act in his or her stead has been or may hereafter be delegated.

Terrestrial plants. Any plants (including epiphytic plants), except marine plants.

Validation. An original stamp, signature, and date of inspection placed upon documentation required by 50 CFR part 17 or part 23 by an inspector at the port where the terrestrial plants are to be imported, exported or reexported.

United States. Any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands,

Guam, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Subpart—Permission to Engage in Business

§ 355.10 Permission to engage in business concerning nonlisted terrestrial plants.

The Secretary hereby grants permission for any person engaged in business as an importer, exporter, or reexporter of terrestrial plants, other than terrestrial plants listed in 50 CFR 17.12 or 23.23, to engage in such business without a general permit issued under § 355.11.

§ 355.11 General permits.³

(a) On or after March 26, 1985 no person shall engage in business as an importer, exporter, or reexporter of any terrestrial plants listed in 50 CFR 17.12 or 23.23 unless such person has obtained a general permit for engaging in such business from Plant Protection and Quarantine.

(b) An application for a general permit shall be submitted to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Port Operations, 4700 River Road, Unit 139, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1236. The completed application shall include the following information:⁴

- (1) Date of application;
- (2) Applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number;

³This permit is named a "general permit" in order to avoid confusion with "permits" obtained under the Act from the U.S. Department of the Interior to accompany the importation, exportation, or reexportation of plants under U.S. Department of the Interior regulations, and to avoid confusion with "permits" obtained from Plant Protection and Quarantine for the importation of plants under the Plant Quarantine Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*) and the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (7 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*).

⁴Application forms are available without charge from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Port Operations, 4700 River Road, Unit 139, Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1236, or from local offices at any of the ports designated in 50 CFR part 24. Telephone numbers and addresses of local offices are listed in telephone directories.