

IMPORT/EXPORT OF CANNABIS MATERIAL

Import of Cannabis Seeds

- 1. To import seeds, the importer must complete and submit to the Medicinal Cannabis Authority (MCA) Inspectorate Division Form D(A) Supplementary Application Form for the Import of Cannabis Seeds and at least two (2) weeks prior to shipment.
- 2. The MCA will review the application and if approved, the Authority would issue a letter of no objection for the import of cannabis seeds to the importer. This letter would be copied to the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Unit and the Customs and Excise Department. If necessary, a letter of approval can be issued to the exporter.
- 3. The importer would then lodge an application for an import permit to the PPQ Unit, using the letter of no objection from the MCA.

 The PPQ is located in Campden Park on the main road to the Campden Park Industrial site (Telephone: 1-784-457-1283, email: ppq@gov.vc).
- 4. If all is in order, the PPQ Unit will issue an import permit to the importer.
- 5. Upon receipt of this import permit, the importer can now proceed to ship the seeds to St. Vincent and the Grenadines.
- 6. With the letter of no objection and PPQ import permit, the importer would be able to clear and subsequently collect the seeds from the Customs and Excise Department. No Value Added Taxes (VAT) is charged on the import of seed. However, the importer is required to pay the customs service charge of 5%.

 The importer is advised to engage the services of a registered Customs Broker or to train
 - personnel in the use of the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA) Selectivity Module to guide them through this process.
- 7. Within fifteen (15) days of collecting the seeds, the importer shall notify the Authority in writing (via email or letter) that the items have been received.

8. The importer shall submit to the MCA Inspectorate 10% of seeds collected if the quantity of imported seeds are less than one hundred (100) or a minimum of ten (10) seeds if the quantity of imported seeds are one hundred (100) or more of each strain imported, along with a copy of the documents that were received with the imported seeds, including the shipping bill/ declaration.

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