

**PROTOCOL OF PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR  
EXPORT OF FRESH PASSION FRUITS FROM VIET NAM TO  
CHINA**

**BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET  
NAM AND THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

In order to safely export fresh passion fruits from Viet Nam to the People's Republic of China, on the basis of a pest risk analysis, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter abbreviated as "MAE") and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter called the abbreviated as "GACC"), hereinafter referred to as the "parties", exchanged views and reached consensus as follows:

**Article 1 Characteristics**

Fresh passion fruits (*Passiflora edulis*, the common name is "passion fruit") exported from Viet Nam to China (hereinafter indistinctly called "passion fruit"), shall only be produced in Viet Nam. In addition to comply with all applicable Chinese phytosanitary laws and regulations, health and safety standards, fresh passion fruits shall meet the requirements stated herein, and be free from any quarantine pests of concern to China (Annex).

This protocol pertains only to phytosanitary requirements. Other standards and requirements such as those regarding human health (e.g., China's national food safety standards), not included in this protocol may also apply to Viet Nam passion fruits.

**Article 2 Registration**

All orchards, as well as packing houses that wish to export passion fruits to China, must be registered by MAE, and approved by both GACC and MAE. Registration shall include name, address and code, so that, whenever any product is detected as non-compliant with the requirements herein, it can be traced back to the establishment with certainty. The list of registered orchards

and packing houses shall be forwarded by MAE to GACC for approval before trade starts, and then regularly update. GACC will publish the list on its website.

### **Article 3 Orchard Management**

Under the supervision of MAE, all orchards registered for export to China shall establish quality management system and traceability system, and apply Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and keep good sanitary conditions, e.g., maintaining good fruit production environment far away from pollution source, eliminating the dropped and rotten fruits promptly. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs shall also be implemented, including pest monitoring regularly; physical, chemical or biological control of pests; and other prevention and control measures, etc.

According to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 6 (ISPM 6), MAE shall operate a management scheme to organize orchard monitoring activity for the quarantine pests of concern to China (Annex) during the growing season. In order to monitor and capture pests, several physic-chemical methods besides visual inspection will also be used in the orchard: e.g., using pheromone traps or yellow adhesive plate traps for monitoring the fruit fly (*Bactrocera correcta*); checking if there are any scale insect pests (*Planococcus minor*, *Pseudococcus longispinus*, et al.) on fruits, branches, stems and leaves. If the suspected symptoms of pathogenic organisms (*Lasiodiplodia theobromae* and *Globisporangium splendens*) are found, samples must be sent to the laboratory for identification. Immediate corrective measures must be taken whenever any quarantine pests of concern to China are detected.

Monitoring and control activities in orchards producing for export must be performed under the guidance of technical personnel knowledgeable in phytosanitary aspects, and the technical personnel should be trained by MAE or MAE authorized institutions.

All orchards must keep a record of pest monitoring and control, which must be delivered to GACC upon request. The pest chemical control record must indicate specific information, including name of agrochemical, active

ingredient, date of application and dosages applied during growth.

#### **Article 4 Packaging and Processing**

The procedures of packing and processing of passion fruits for the export to China will be supervised by MAE or MAE authorized personnel.

The packing houses with hardened ground shall be clean and sanitary, and have raw material area and finished product warehouse. And the registered packing houses shall establish traceability system to ensure that the passion fruits to be exported to China can be traced back to the registered orchards, including the record of the date of processing and packing, the sourcing orchard name or its registration number, the quantity of passion fruits, the date of export, the quantity of export, the country of destination, the container number and other information.

The storage, processing and other functional areas of passion fruits exported to China are relatively independent, reasonably arranged, and separated from the living area.

During the packaging process, passion fruits shall be selected, sorted and cleaned to remove diseased fruits, insects, rotting or deformed fruits, leaves, stems or other plant debris, then cleaned up the surface of the fruit using high pressure air gun or water gun. If necessary, using the soft and clean cotton cloth to wipe the passion fruits manually, to effectively remove eggs, pathogenic spores on the surface of the fruits, as well as disinfection with post-harvest fungicides in order to make sure that the passion fruits exported to China does not convey quarantine pests indicated by the Chinese Party or other impurities.

Packaging materials must be clean, hygienic, unused and compliant with Chinese plant health and sanitary requirements. Wood packaging material must comply with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 15 (ISPM 15).

If packaged passion fruits need to be stored, it shall be put into storage immediately and stored separately to avoid reinfection by pests.

Each box must be labeled in Chinese or English with the fruit name, variety, exporting country, production place, name or code of orchard and packing house, etc. The following text must be marked in Chinese or English on each box and pallet: "Exported to the People's Republic of China" (输往中华人民共和国).

#### **Article 5 Pre-Export Inspection and Quarantine**

During the first year following the effective date hereof, the size of the sample taken from packaged passion fruits for phytosanitary inspection by MAE officials shall be 2%. If no quarantine problems are detected during the first-year period, the sample size will be reduced to 1%.

If any live organisms of quarantine pests of concern to China, leaves or soil were found, the consignment shall not be exported to China. The relevant orchards or/and packing houses cannot export passion fruits to China during the remaining season in some cases. MAE shall find the cause and take preventive measures for betterment. At the same time, the detection record shall be kept, and delivered at the request of GACC.

Upon completing an inspection, MAE shall issue a Phytosanitary Certificate for the approved batch in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 12 (ISPM12), noticed with registration name or code of orchards and packing houses. The following shall be stated in the additional declaration: "This consignment of passion fruits complies with the requirements specified in the Protocol on Phytosanitary Requirements for Export of Fresh Passion Fruits from Viet Nam to China, and is free from quarantine pests of concern to China."

#### **Article 6 Entry Inspection and Quarantine**

Entry ports for Viet Nam passion fruits are all Chinese ports authorized for fruit entry by GACC.

Upon arrival of passion fruits at the entry port in China, China Customs shall examine the relevant documentation and records of identification, and shall complete the inspection and quarantine process.

No consignment of passion fruits from an unauthorized orchard or packing house shall be allowed to enter China.

If any live organism of quarantine pest listed in Annex or new quarantine pests are found, or if soil or plant debris were detected, the shipment shall be returned, destroyed or treated.

If inconformity with China's national food safety standards is found, the passion fruits shall be returned or destroyed.

If the above non-compliance is found, GACC will immediately notify MAE to suspend the importation of passion fruits from the relevant orchards and / or packing houses as appropriate. MAE shall investigate the causes of non-conformities and urge relevant orchards and / or packing houses to rectify until the relevant rectification measures are effectively implemented and recognized by GACC.

#### **Article 7 Compliance Inspection**

In the first year of implementation of this Protocol, with the assistance of MAE, GACC will arrange on-site investigation or remote video audit to confirm whether or not the management system of the passion fruits to be exported to China is consistent with the requirements of this Protocol.

#### **Article 8 Retrospective Review**

GACC will, in accordance with updated information on the pest status of passion fruits in Viet Nam and interception information, carry out a further risk assessment, and will consult and agree with MAE to adjust the quarantine pest list and relevant quarantine measures.

If necessary, GACC may send experts to Viet Nam for retrospective review, including on-site inspection. Any costs relating to the aforesaid investigation, including international travelling, hotel, meals expenses..., shall be borne by the Viet Nam party. The protocol shall then be amended as required based on the outcome of this inspection and with the agreement of both parties.

### **Article 9 Amendment, Entry into Force and Termination**

This Protocol takes effect on the date of signature and shall be effective for five years, unless any of the parties notifies the other of its intention to amend or terminate it at least three months ahead of the intended expiry date. It shall be automatically and consecutively renewed for additional five-year terms.

After a written agreement has been reached by both parties, the terms of this Protocol may be amended via mutual consultation. If either side wishes to rescind the Protocol, it will notify the other side in writing at least 6 months in advance.

This Protocol is signed in \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, by two counterparts in Chinese, Vietnamese and English language versions. Each party shall retain a copy of the three equally valid texts. In case of any dispute in interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

**For**

**The Ministry of Agriculture and  
Environment of the Socialist  
Republic of Viet Nam**



**For**

**The General Administration of  
Customs of the People's  
Republic of China**



## Annex

### List of Quarantine Pests of Concern to China

1. *Bactrocera correcta*
2. *Planococcus minor*
3. *Pseudococcus longispinus*
4. *Lasiodiplodia theobromae*
5. *Globisporangium splendens*