

LAW OF TURKMENISTAN

About Plant Quarantine

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This Law defines the legal basis and principles for the implementation of state measures to protect the territory of Turkmenistan from the penetration of quarantine and other dangerous pests, plant diseases and weeds that can cause damage to the state economy from foreign countries.

Chapter I. General provisions

Article 1. Basic concepts used in this Law

The following basic concepts are used in this Law:

1) **plant quarantine (phytosanitary protection)** - a legal regime that provides for a system of state measures aimed to protect the country's plant resources and plant products from the importation and self-penetration from other states, as well as from the quarantine zone of the country of quarantine objects, and in case of their spread - to the localization and elimination of centers of their distribution;

2) **rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine** - regulatory legal acts, normative-technical and methodological documentation for ensuring plant quarantine;

3) **state quarantine phytosanitary control** - measures to identify quarantine objects, establish the quarantine phytosanitary condition of quarantineable objects, implement state quarantine phytosanitary supervision over compliance with the legislation of Turkmenistan in the field of ensuring plant quarantine, rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine;

4) **plant quarantine control** - activities carried out by officials of the Plant Quarantine Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as the Service) about Plant Quarantine to verify compliance with the requirements of norms, rules and instructions for plant quarantine;

5) **products under the quarantine (quarantine material, regulated objects)** - any plant, plant product, place of storage, packaging, vehicle, containers, soil and any other organism, object or material that can serve as a hiding place for harmful organisms or contribute to their spread, and for which phytosanitary measures are required;

5¹) **quarantine processed products** - products processed from plants and plant products that do not contribute to the hiding place of harmful organisms in their composition or their spread, and in respect of which it is not necessary to take phytosanitary measures, and the List of which is compiled by the Service

6) **batch of products under the quarantine** - the quantity of homogeneous products under the quarantine located in one place and intended for shipment by one vehicle to one destination and to one recipient;

7) **plant products** - non-processed material of plant origin (including grain), as well as processed products, which, by their nature or processing method, may create a risk of introduction and spread of harmful organisms;

8) **introduction** - the penetration of a harmful organism, accompanied by its acclimatization;

9) **import quarantine permit** - a document authorizing the import into Turkmenistan, as well as the transit through the territory of Turkmenistan of quarantine products on the terms determined by the Service;

10) **phytosanitary certificate** - an official document certifying the quarantine status of export products under the quarantine;

11) **phytosanitary certification** - application of phytosanitary procedures leading to the issuance of a phytosanitary certificate;

12) **quarantine object** - a type of pest, plant pathogen or weed that is absent or limitedly distributed on the territory of Turkmenistan, but can be introduced or can penetrate independently from the outside and cause significant damage to plants and plant products;

13) **source of a quarantine object** - the territory where a quarantine object is detected, and where measures to localize and eliminate the quarantine object must be or are being carried out;

14) **quarantine zone** – the territory declared under quarantine in accordance with the established procedure in connection with the detection of a quarantine object;

15) **quarantine phytosanitary measures** - measures to prevent the entry into the territory of Turkmenistan and (or) the spread of harmful organisms on it;

16) **introduction-quarantine nurseries** - specially equipped nurseries for detection in imported planting and seed material of latent infection with quarantine objects and other especially dangerous harmful organisms;

17) **infection** - the presence in products under the quarantine of a living organism that is harmful to a plant or plant product;

18) **surveillance** - the official process of collecting and recording data on the presence or absence of a harmful organism in a given area through surveys;

19) **re-export cargo** - cargo imported into the country from which it is subsequently exported;

20) **biological control** - a pest control strategy based on the use of living natural opponents, antagonists, competitors or other self-reproducing organisms;

21) **biological control agent** - a natural enemy, antagonist, competitor or other self-reproducing biological organism used in the fight against harmful organisms

22) **antagonist** - an organism that does not cause significant damage to the host, but colonization by which the host protects the latter from serious damage from the harmful organism;

23) **competitor** - an organism that competes with a harmful organism for the main elements of the environment (for example, food, shelters);

24) **pest** - any species, variety or biotype of plants, animals or pathogenic agents harmful to plants or plant products;

25) **pathogen** - a microorganism that causes a disease;

26) **fumigation department** - a subdivision of the authorized state body for plant quarantine, performing disinfection of products under the quarantine by gas disinfestation, chemical and other types of treatment;

27) **phytosanitary risk** - the probability of introduction and spread of a harmful organism and the scale of potential economic consequences associated with them;

28) **phytosanitary regime** - a set of rules established on a legal basis, regulating in a certain territory and for a certain time a system of measures to prevent the introduction and (or) spread of quarantine harmful organisms.

Article 2. Legislation of Turkmenistan in the field of plant quarantine

Legislation of Turkmenistan about Plant Quarantine is based on the Constitution of Turkmenistan and consists of this Law, other normative legal acts of Turkmenistan regulating the issues of plant quarantine.

Article 3. The main tasks of plant quarantine

The main tasks of plant quarantine are:

- 1) protection of the territory of Turkmenistan from the introduction and independent penetration from outside of its borders by quarantine and other dangerous pests, plant diseases and weeds that can cause significant economic damage to the national economy;
- 2) timely detection, localization and elimination of quarantine and other dangerous pests, plant diseases and weeds on the territory of Turkmenistan, as well as prevention of their penetration into the territory where they are absent;
- 3) ensuring state control over compliance with the legislation of Turkmenistan in the field of plant quarantine and established rules and regulations;
- 4) taking measures for the quarantine of plants in the production, harvesting, transportation, storage, processing, sale and use of agricultural and other products of plant origin.

Article 4. State measures for plant quarantine

State measures for plant quarantine in the territory of Turkmenistan are:

1) ensuring the protection of plant resources and products of plant origin from damage and destruction by quarantine objects in order to maintain food and raw material security of the country;

2) state regulation and control over compliance with the legislation of Turkmenistan about Plant Quarantine

3) conducting a pest risk analysis and an objective, scientifically based assessment of the possible impact of quarantine objects on plant resources and plant products, as well as preventing their harm;

4) active participation of the population, legal entities and individuals, central government bodies, local executive authorities and local self-government in the implementation of plant quarantine measures;

5) international cooperation in the field of plant quarantine on the basis of relevant agreements.

Chapter II. State regulation in the field of plant quarantine

Article 5. Authorities exercising state administration in the field of plant quarantine

State regulation in the field of plant quarantine is carried out by the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as the authorized body), the Service, local executive authorities and local self-government in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

Article 6. Competence of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan

The competence of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan in the field of plant quarantine includes:

1) determination of the state policy in the field of plant quarantine and phytosanitary control;

2) approval of national programs for plant quarantine and phytosanitary control;

3) approval of international cooperation programs for plant quarantine and phytosanitary control and organization of their implementation;

4) exercise of other powers in accordance with this Law and other normative legal acts of Turkmenistan About Plant Quarantine.

Article 6¹. Competence of the authorized body

The competence of the authorized body in the field of plant quarantine includes:

1) implementation of the state policy in the field of plant quarantine and phytosanitary control;

2) approval of the Norms on external plant quarantine in Turkmenistan and the List of quarantine pests;

3) approval of the Regulations on the symbols of the Service and the special clothing of its employees is approved by the authorized body in agreement with the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan.

4) establishment of quarantine zones on the territory of two or more regions with the introduction of a quarantine regime and its cancellation at the suggestion of the Service;

5) approval of draft regulatory legal acts and guidelines on issues within its own competence, in agreement with the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan;

6) on behalf of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan to represent the interests of Turkmenistan about Plant Quarantine issues in international organizations;

7) exercise of other powers in accordance with this Law and other regulatory legal acts of Turkmenistan in the field of plant quarantine.

Article 7. Competence of the Service

1. The competence of the Service includes:

1) conducting a pest risk analysis and, on its basis, developing and submitting for approval to the authorized body the List of quarantine objects, in relation to which state measures for plant quarantine are established and implemented;

2) coordination of the activities of legal entities and individuals in the implementation of phytosanitary regulations, directives and general recommendations on the application of measures to counteract the spread of plant diseases;

3) survey of plants during the growing season, including cultivated areas and wild flora, as well as stored or transported plants and plant products in order to collect information on the distribution and breeding centers of quarantine objects, as well as to combat quarantine objects;

4) keeping records of the distribution of quarantine objects and providing information to interested parties;

5) establishment and cancellation of quarantine zones, quarantine regime;

6) development, on issues within its competence, of draft regulatory legal acts and guidelines and submit them for approval to the authorized body;

7) development of quarantine conditions for the import of seeds, plants and plant products, industrial goods from other states, transportation of these products within Turkmenistan;

8) exercising control over the rational and targeted use of appropriations and material resources allocated for quarantine measures;

9) carrying out quarantine inspection, phytosanitary control and laboratory examination of imported products under the quarantine;

10) organizing and conducting disinfection of products under the quarantine, as well as vehicles in accordance with the rules and instructions for plant quarantine;

11) carrying out checks in introduction-quarantine nurseries of quarantine planting and seed materials imported from foreign countries;

12) development, together with scientific organizations, of quarantine measures based on international norms and recommendations and control over their implementation by legal entities and individuals;

13) issuance of phytosanitary certificates, phytosanitary certificates for re-export, import quarantine permits for products under the quarantine;

14) carrying out phytosanitary certification of plants and plant products exported from Turkmenistan;

15) implementation of information support with the introduction and use of digital information and communication technologies in the field of plant quarantine.

2. The system of the Service includes:

- 1) the central Service, region, city, district and inter-district services
- 2) border checkpoints for plant quarantine;
- 3) central quarantine laboratory;
- 4) fumigation department;
- 5) introduction-quarantine nursery.

3. Officials of the Service are state plant quarantine inspectors and are provided with special clothing in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

The positions of state inspectors of the Service and its local authorities in accordance with the staffing structure are accepted by specialists who have graduated from secondary vocational and higher educational institutions in the areas of training specialists in natural science, animal science and veterinary medicine, and agronomy. State inspectors can undergo certification once every three years, and also when they enter the system of plant quarantine authorities and are promoted to a higher position, they undergo mandatory certification.

4. The Service carries out its activities jointly with border, customs, law enforcement and other government agencies.

5. The Service inspects planting and seed materials imported into Turkmenistan and other regulated quarantine plant products, as well as regulated cargoes transiting through the territory of Turkmenistan, and issues quarantine permits for them. The decisions of the Service, taken within its competence, are binding on legal entities and individuals.

Article 8. Competence of authorities of local executive body and local self-government in the field of plant quarantine

Local executive body and local self-government authorities shall:

- 1) create conditions for the Service and territorial subdivisions of the Service to perform the functions assigned to them;
- 2) organize and carry out jointly with them control over the implementation of quarantine measures in sea and river ports, at marinas,

railway stations, airports, postal enterprises, markets, bus stations, bus stations and other quarantine facilities;

3) take decisions on the establishment of quarantine zones in the territories under their jurisdiction with the introduction of a quarantine regime or its cancellation on the proposal of the authorized state body for plant quarantine.

Chapter III. Ensuring plant quarantine

Article 9. Protection of the territory of Turkmenistan from quarantine objects

1. Importation into the territory of Turkmenistan of products under the quarantine is allowed if there are documents for the import of these products, as well as documents certifying the compliance of such products with the requirements of international treaties of Turkmenistan relating to plant quarantine, rules and regulations ensuring plant quarantine.

2. It is prohibited to import into the territory of Turkmenistan quarantine products contaminated with quarantine objects (except for the cases provided for by the rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine), as well as products under the quarantine if the rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine listed in these rules are violated during its import.

3. Importation into the territory of Turkmenistan of products under the quarantine is allowed only at checkpoints across the State Border of Turkmenistan, which have border checkpoints for plant quarantine, equipped in accordance with the requirements of the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

4. Quarantine products imported into the territory of Turkmenistan are subject to mandatory state quarantine phytosanitary control, including inspection, which includes primary state quarantine phytosanitary control - at checkpoints across the State border of Turkmenistan, and secondary state quarantine phytosanitary control - at destinations.

5. State quarantine phytosanitary control over the import into the territory of Turkmenistan and export from the territory of Turkmenistan of products under the quarantine is carried out by the Service.

6. The importation into the territory of Turkmenistan of quarantine objects for scientific research is regulated by the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

7. It is prohibited to use quarantineable objects contaminated with quarantine objects, except for the cases provided for by the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

8. It is prohibited to use quarantine phytosanitary measures and restrictions (in any of their forms) to solve problems not related to plant quarantine.

Article 10. Plant Quarantine Control objects

The objects of plant quarantine control are:

1) seeds and planting material of agricultural, forest and ornamental crops, plants and their parts (cuttings, bulbs, tubers, leaves, fruits), as well as any other plant products that may be a carrier of quarantine facilities;

2) pathogens of plants - cultures of live fungi, viruses, bacteria, as well as nematodes, mites and insects, etc., including biological control agents and other organisms useful for plants;

3) collections of insects, plant pathogens, seeds and herbariums;

4) agricultural machinery and tools for soil cultivation, vehicles, all types of containers, packaging materials, manufactured goods and products made from plant materials, monoliths and soil samples that can be carriers of quarantine objects

5) the territory and premises of enterprises, organizations, farmer associations, farmer organizations, household plots that grow, harvest, store, process, transport and sell plant products; land for agricultural, forestry, water and other purposes, regardless of departmental affiliation and form of ownership.

Article 11. Procedure for Import and Export of Quarantine Products

1. When concluding contracts for the supply of products under the quarantine or their transit, the supplier shall be obliged to obtain from the Service the necessary information on quarantine measures and provide for conditions that ensure the prevention of the import of quarantine objects.

The concluded contract containing information of a confidential nature should not be disclosed without the written consent of the supplier.

2. Import and transit of products under the quarantine is allowed through the border points for plant quarantine in the presence of import quarantine permits of the Service and phytosanitary certificates of quarantine services of the exporting countries, valid no more than 30 days before the import of the goods into the country.

Registration of customs documents for products under the quarantine is carried out after passing the state quarantine phytosanitary control.

Quarantine measures of other countries are recognized if they provide an appropriate level of phytosanitary protection, not lower than the level adopted in Turkmenistan.

2¹. The list of quarantine processed products imported into the territory of Turkmenistan without an import quarantine permit and a phytosanitary certificate of the national quarantine services of the exporting countries is compiled by the Service and approved by the authorized body.

3. The export of products under the quarantine from areas declared under quarantine is allowed to areas free from quarantine objects, subject to the presence of phytosanitary certificates of the Service.

4. Inspection and disinfection of products under the quarantine, cargoes and vehicles, issuance of quarantine documents are carried out at the expense of their owners in accordance with existing rates.

Rates are developed by the Service and approved in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

Article 12. Seizure, destruction, return of products under the quarantine

In order to prevent the penetration and spread of quarantine objects in the territory of Turkmenistan, infected products under the quarantine may be seized, destroyed or returned according to the instructions of the Service in accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan.

Article 13. Laboratory Analysis and Examination of Quarantine Products

Quarantine products for the purpose of establishing their quarantine phytosanitary condition are subject to state quarantine phytosanitary control, including examination and, if necessary, laboratory analysis or examination.

Laboratory analysis and examination of quarantine products (material, quarantine object) in order to establish its quarantine phytosanitary condition are carried out by specialists of the central laboratory of the Service.

Article 14. Identification of quarantine objects and prevention of their spread

In order to timely identify quarantine objects, determine the boundaries of their foci, quarantine objects are subject to systematic quarantine phytosanitary inspection carried out as part of the general supervision of pests for plants in the territory of Turkmenistan.

Grain, grain processing products imported into the territory of Turkmenistan, in cases stipulated by the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine, are subject to processing in accordance with technologies that ensure the deprivation of seeds of viability. Export of grain, grain processing products from processing sites with viable seeds is not allowed.

Article 15. The procedure for imposing and elimination of quarantine

1. The decision to establish a quarantine zone with the introduction of a quarantine regime or its cancellation on the proposal of the Service is made by:

- 1) on the territory of two or more regions - an authorized body;
- 2) on the territory of the region, the city of Ashgabat, the district and the city - the relevant local executive authorities.

2. In quarantine zones, if prohibitions or restrictions are imposed on the export of products under the quarantine contaminated by quarantine objects, measures are developed and implemented to localize and eliminate sources of quarantine objects, disinfection of products under the quarantine is carried out, and its technical processing is carried out.

Infected products exported from the quarantine zone are subject to return, disinfection or transfer to processing organizations.

Infected products, if it is impossible to disinfect and process them, are subject to seizure and destruction in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

The list of quarantine restrictions and measures to contain and eliminate quarantine objects is brought to the attention of legal entities and individuals, as well as the population of the quarantine zone.

The head of the Service bears responsibility for the untimely establishment of quarantine zones and the introduction of a quarantine regime.

Article 16. Disinfection, cleaning, degassing of quarantine objects

1. Quarantine products imported into the territory of Turkmenistan, contaminated with quarantine objects, are subject to disinfection at checkpoints across the State Border of Turkmenistan or at destinations, except for cases stipulated by the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

Quarantine products imported into the territory of Turkmenistan from countries where quarantine objects are distributed are subject to preventive disinfection in cases stipulated by the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

2. Vehicles used to transport products under the quarantine are subject to mandatory cleaning or, if necessary, disinfection in accordance with the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

3. Works on decontamination of quarantineable objects by the method of gassing and works on their degassing, chemical and other types of treatment are carried out by the Service.

Disinfection, cleaning, degassing of quarantineable objects are carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

Article 17. Responsibilities of legal entities and individuals in the field of plant quarantine

1. Legal entities and individuals involved in the production, procurement, import into the territory of Turkmenistan, export from its territory, transportation, storage, processing, use and sale of products under the quarantine are obliged:

1) comply with the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine in the production, harvesting, import into the territory of Turkmenistan, export from the territory of Turkmenistan, transportation, storage, processing, use and sale of products under the quarantine;

2) immediately notify the relevant local body of the Service about the arrival of products under the quarantine;

3) not to allow the opening of transport vehicles and containers with products under the quarantine that arrived on the territory of Turkmenistan without the written permission of the Service;

4) create the necessary conditions for the timely implementation of state quarantine phytosanitary control, including inspection;

5) allocate premises for the storage of products under the quarantine that meet quarantine phytosanitary requirements and ensure the protection of such products;

6) not to allow the cleaning of vehicles with products under the quarantine en route, as well as in places not intended for this;

7) ensure proper storage of products under the quarantine prior to the implementation of the state quarantine phytosanitary control;

8) allocate vehicles, specially equipped berths, sites, premises, and, if necessary, employees for disinfection, cleaning, degassing and other types of processing of products under the quarantine;

9) immediately notify the relevant territorial body of the Service about the detection of signs of infection of regulated objects with quarantine harmful organisms;

10) carry out transportation of products under the quarantine with the provision of measures to exclude its losses and possible contamination of the territory of Turkmenistan with quarantine objects

11) perform other duties in the field of ensuring plant quarantine in accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan, the rules and regulations for ensuring plant quarantine.

2. Measures to identify quarantine objects and fight them, localize, eliminate their sources are carried out at the expense of the owners, users of quarantine objects.

Inspection, disinfection, detention, destruction and return of products under the quarantine are carried out at the expense of its owners, owners, users, consignees or forwarding organizations.

Article 18. Duties of officials of state bodies, organizations, as well as heads of other legal entities, regardless of the form of ownership, and individuals whose activities are related to regulated products

Officials of state bodies, organizations, as well as heads of other legal entities, regardless of departmental affiliation and form of ownership, and individuals whose activities are related to the production, procurement, processing, storage, transportation and sale of regulated products, are obliged to:

1) comply with the requirements of this Law, the rules for plant quarantine and the instructions of the Service on the implementation of appropriate quarantine measures;

2) upon the request of the inspectors of the Service, provide information on the presence of products under the quarantine and quarantine objects;

3) to ensure a systematic examination of crops, territories, warehouses, premises and other facilities where products under the quarantine are stored, as well as to submit for inspection and examination the available products under the quarantine;

4) in case of detection of quarantine objects, immediately notify the Service.

Chapter IV. The State control in the field of plant quarantine, scientific support and training of specialists

Article 19. Implementation of state control in the field of plant quarantine

Implementation of state control in the field of plant quarantine is entrusted to the Service.

Article 20. Powers of officials exercising state quarantine phytosanitary control

1. State quarantine phytosanitary control is carried out by officials of the Service.

2. Officials exercising state quarantine phytosanitary control, within their competence, have the right:

1) in accordance with the established procedure, freely visit quarantine facilities belonging to enterprises, institutions, organizations, citizens, as well as the territories where these facilities are located, including the territories of military units, objects of state bodies in charge of defense, security, internal affairs, customs affairs, protection of the State border of Turkmenistan, as well as local executive authorities;

2) receive from central executive authorities, local executive authorities and local self-government authorities, enterprises, institutions, organizations, individual entrepreneurs and citizens documented information related to plant quarantine;

3) to carry out a quarantine phytosanitary inspection of quarantineable objects and inspection of quarantineable products, including at the places of their preparation and shipment;

4) to carry out sampling and sampling from regulated objects;

5) prohibit or suspend the production, procurement, import into the territory of Turkmenistan, export from the territory of Turkmenistan, transportation, storage, processing, use and sale of products under the quarantine;

6) give enterprises, institutions, organizations, individual entrepreneurs and citizens binding orders within the established time limits to eliminate violations of the rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine;

7) make decisions on disinfection, cleaning, degassing and return of products under the quarantine;

8) withdraw or destroy products under the quarantine in accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan;

9) exercise other powers established by the legislation of Turkmenistan in the field of plant quarantine.

Article 21. Symbols of the authorized state body for plant quarantine

The service has its own symbols and special clothes of its employees. The provision on the symbolism of the Service and special clothing of its employees is approved by the authorized body in agreement with the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan.

Article 21¹. Scientific support and training of specialists in the field of plant quarantine

1. Scientific support in the field of plant quarantine in Turkmenistan is carried out by scientific organizations that conduct scientific research in this direction, and higher educational institutions.

2. Training of specialists in the field of plant quarantine in Turkmenistan is carried out in institutions of vocational education, secondary vocational education and higher professional education, as well as in institutions for advanced training and retraining of workers.

Chapter V. Financing the activities of the Service and quarantine measures

Article 22. Financing the activities of the Service

The Service carries out its activities on the principles of cost accounting at the expense of funds received:

- for the performance of work on the disinfection of plant products, warehouses, vehicles;
- for the tests and quarantine examination;
- for the inspection and execution of documentation for imported and exported plants or plant products or their transit through the territory of Turkmenistan.

Article 23. Financing of state measures for plant quarantine

1. Financing of state measures for the localization and elimination of quarantine objects in accordance with the List of quarantine pests, plant diseases and weeds is carried out at the expense of the State budget of Turkmenistan.

2. Carrying out plant quarantine measures at facilities that do not belong to the state form of ownership, as well as on the lands of legal entities and individuals, is carried out at the expense of owners and land users according to the instructions of the Service within its powers.

Chapter VI. Settlement of disputes and responsibility for violation of legislation about Plant Quarantine

Article 24. Settlement of disputes in the field of plant quarantine

Disputes in the field of plant quarantine are resolved in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

Article 25. Responsibility for violation of the legislation of Turkmenistan about Plant Quarantine

1. Legal entities and individuals who have violated the legislation About Plant Quarantine are held liable in accordance with the legislation of Turkmenistan.

2. The imposition of fines or other penalties does not relieve guilty legal entities and individuals from compensation for damage in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

3. Funds collected for violation of the legislation about Plant Quarantine are transferred to the State budget of Turkmenistan in the manner prescribed by the legislation of Turkmenistan.

Chapter VII. International cooperation in the field of plant quarantine

Article 26. Principles of international cooperation in the field of plant quarantine Turkmenistan carries out international cooperation in the field of plant quarantine, guided by the principles of mutual safety against the introduction and spread of quarantine objects.

Article 27. International contracts

If the international contracts of Turkmenistan establish other rules in the field of plant quarantine than those provided for by this Law, then the rules of international treaties shall apply.

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