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- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Short title.

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- 2. (1) These Regulations shall not apply to the plants, fruits and vegetables specified in the Schedule hereto. Application. Schedule.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, no plants, fruits or vegetables shall be imported into Belize except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Chief Agricultural Officer. 12 of 1999.

- 3. Subject to the provisions of regulation 2 of these Regulations, no person shall import any fruit or any vegetable except- Imports prohibited.

- (a) fruits or vegetables imported direct from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, the United States of America or, provided a certificate of introduction is granted by an officer designated by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority after inspection, from Jamaica;

- (b) fruits from the Australian States of Tasmania and Victoria, certified, in such manner as an

officer designated by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority may consider satisfactory, as being pest free;

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(c) beet, cabbage, carrot, cucumber, cauliflower, lettuce, radish, turnips, or any other vegetable of which an officer designated by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority may from time to time by order published in the *Gazette* permit the importation from Central America or Mexico subject to the following conditions:

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(i) that such vegetables are imported at such approved ports or places of entry under the Customs Regulation Act as may from time to time be appointed by the Chief Agricultural Officer by order published in the *Gazette* and also that such vegetables are declared by the importer solely for consumption as food;

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(ii) that proof that such vegetables are the produce of Central America or Mexico is furnished to an officer designated by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority either by production of a certificate of origin signed by an officer of the Department of Agriculture or of the Customs Department in one of such countries, or in such other manner as the said

officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority may consider satisfactory;

(iii) that a certificate of introduction is granted by the said officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority after inspection;

(d) any plant of the citrus species, any coconut plant, tobacco seed, cotton plants, sugar cane plants or tomato seed except under a licence issued by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority; 3/1984.

(e) any foliage, fruit or rhizome of the banana plant or any plant of any other species of Musa except under a licence issued by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority; 3/1984.

(f) any earth or soil or dung of any description or any living plant not specifically mentioned in these Regulations or any package used in connection with any such living plant unless a certificate of introduction is granted by an officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

4. The officer issuing any certificate of introduction or licence under these Regulations may attach thereto such conditions as to disinfection as he may consider necessary. Conditions.

5. Any designated officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority who has cause to believe that any person, receptacle or carrier (vehicle, aircraft or Powers of Search. 3/1984.

ship) coming into Belize possesses, carries or contains any fruits and vegetables, plant pests or diseases, plant products, planting material, soil or non-plant articles that constitute a risk to the agriculture of Belize shall have the power to stop and without warrant, inspect, search and examine such persons, receptacles or carriers with the cooperation of the Customs Officers and seize, detain, destroy or otherwise dispose of such fruits and vegetables, plant pests or diseases, plant products, planting materials, soil or other articles, without liability to the Government of Belize for such seizure, detention, destruction or disposal:

Provided that the owner or importer of the above-mentioned things shall have the option of forthwith returning them to the country of origin.

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6. A designated officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority is hereby empowered to direct or authorise the disinfection, treatment and fumigation of buildings, vehicles, aircrafts or ships suspected of harbouring any pest or article likely to infect any plant with disease.

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7. It shall be the duty of the Comptroller of Customs to promptly notify the Belize Agricultural Health Authority of the arrival of any fruits and vegetables, plant products, planting material, soil or other articles affected by these Regulations, at the place of arrival and, further to hold such material in the custody of Customs until approval is given for its release by the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

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8. No liability shall attach to the Government of Belize for the destruction of material brought into Belize in violation of these Regulations. The Government is in no way liable for any damage done, or delays incurred by treatments or other quarantine action deemed necessary and performed under these Regulations. All treatments shall be deemed to be performed at the sole risk of the importer.

Expenses; by
whom to be met.
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8:01. All expenses incurred in, or incidental to, plant quarantine or other action deemed necessary and performed under these Regulations during the

process of importing into Belize or exporting out of Belize any plant, shall be paid in full by the consignee of such plant.

9. Any such products or articles as detailed in paragraphs 5 and 7 brought into Belize by mail shall be subject to these Regulations administered jointly by the Postal Authorities and the Belize Agricultural Health Authority.

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10. Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations the Belize Agricultural Health Authority with the approval of the Minister, may from time to time by order published in the *Gazette* amend-

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- (a) the list of countries from which fruits and vegetables, plant products and planting material may be imported;
- (b) the list of plant species and products which may be imported;
- (c) the list of prohibited plant diseases and pests.

Such lists shall be available for inspection at the offices of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority and at all official ports of entry.

SCHEDULE

Plants, fruits and vegetables imported by the Government or the Belize Agricultural Health Authority for the use of the Government or the Belize Agricultural Health Authority for experimental or other purposes.

Nuts other than peanuts.

Dried, canned, candied or other processed fruit.

Dried beans, peas and cereal grains.

Canned and processed vegetables.

Vegetable seeds other than tomato seeds.
