Phytosanitary measures for International Postal and Courier Service in Rep. of Korea

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The Quarantine situation for Couriers in Korea(2016)

- Import Inspection(Case) for Plants: About 900 thousand
  (except for Hand-carry): **Courier 552,967** Post 49,571 Cargo 291,175
- Courier accounts for about 60% of import inspection cases

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Growth in demand for health food in line with economic development and cultural advancement.

Growth in on-line purchasing volume, such as overseas direct purchase, in line with increase in internet use.

As for courier import and inspection, the volumes are expected to consistently increase for the time being.
Courier Inspection (2016) : total 552,967 cases
Usually imported by Air

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All couriers to be imported by Air are bound to the Incheon Airport as Incheon Airport Express Cargo Center opens.
Legislations

Plant Protection Act Article 12 (Inspection on Imported Plant)

With the increase in couriers, Plant Protection Act has been amended for smooth quarantine to allow courier companies to apply for inspection. (2016.12.)

Before the revision, only importers or agents could apply for the inspection.

QIA Announcement “Inspection method for Imported Plants”

- [Table 12] it specifies inspection tips for plant quarantine items imported through courier, application for inspection, and regulations on inspection result processing and on storage of the couriers by export companies.
Registration and Management for Express Company

Registration

Courier company must be registered with the customs manager in accordance with Article 222 (1) of the Customs Act.

Clearance

Customs clearance can be accomplished at their own facilities in case that Courier company have X-ray facility and personnel.

Education

X-ray inspectors of courier company must take at least 16 hours of training every year from the agency designated by the Commissioner of Customs. (Training session on quarantine is also required.)

Import Declaration

Courier company on behalf of the importer can file an import declaration and apply for plant quarantine inspection.

Audit

The customs authorities check the courier company twice or more every year regarding the adequacy of operation, the implementation of laws and regulations and the management of couriers.
Flow Chart for Courier Import

1. **Exporter**
2. **Foreign Courier Company**
3. **Domestic Courier Company**
4. **X-ray Search (Customs or Courier company)**
5. **Plant Quarantine**
6. **Customs Clearance**
7. **Importer**
Application through UNI-PASS SYSTEM of Customs(https://portal.customs.go.kr)
[Method] Document review. Exemption from on-site inspection and laboratory inspection

[Items] Plants with low risk of pest infestation such as dried flower, fruits and vegetables that are packed hermetically
On-Site Inspection (Legulated Articles)

[Inspection Method] Inspecting the presence of prohibited Items and pest infestation

[Items] Grains, vegetables, Lumber and frozen plants etc.
Laboratory Inspection (High Risk Items)

**Inspection Method** conducting tests in a precise manner via Device testing and bacterial culture in laboratory on samples and pests collected on site

**Items** Seeds, Bulbs, Seedlings and Other Plants for Planting
Inspection Procedures

① Take-In Selection
② Movement of Selected Items (After X-Ray)
③ Prepare for Inspection
④ Document Review
⑤ Inspection
⑥ Completion
Thank you!