Decree No. 1038/
Amendment of Decree No. 781/1 dated 26/8/2011
import of seeds for planting purposes (except potato)

The Minister of Agriculture,
Based on Decree No. 9818 dated 13.6.2011 (farming of the Government)
Based on Law No. 31 dated 18.01.1955 and its amendments (specifying the role of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Based on legislative law No. 97 dated 16.9.1983 (merger of public establishment with Ministry of Agriculture and re-organization of ministry of Agriculture)
Based on Decree No. 5246 dated 20.6.1994 (organization of the Ministry of Agriculture)
Based on Law No. 778 dated 28.11.2006 (Plant Quarantine & Phytosanitary Measures)
Based on Decree No. 781/1 dated 26/8/2011 import of seeds for planting purposes (except potato)
Based on the recommendation of the Director General of the Ministry by interim Decrees the following:

Article 1 Decree No. 781/1 dated 26/8/2011 is amended as follow:
1- The Point No. 4 of Article 3 is deleted (Additional declaration to Phytosanitary Certificate assuring that seeds were inspected and tested during production period and found free from quarantine and non-quarantine pests and viruses.)
2- The following is added to The Point No. 5 of Article 3 : - A Certificate issued by a laboratory accredited by The Netherlands Inspection Service for Horticulture (NAL).
3- The Seeds Imported for Experimentation and amateurs seeds are exempted from the regulations of decree No.781/1 except:
Original Import License.
4- The imported seeds, having value less than one million Lebanese pound for: a single commercial name from one country of origin and once a year are exempted from the requirement of Point 5 of Article 3 (ISTA and similar).

Article 2: To be published in the Official Journal and to be notified wherever needed

Beirut, 23 th November 2011
Minister of Agriculture
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