

**DIVISION 3  
PLANT AND ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Chapter 20  
General Provisions**

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**§ 2001. Purpose.**

In order to protect the agricultural and general well-being of the people of the Republic, plant and animal quarantines and regulations are promulgated as a means of preventing the introduction and further dissemination of injurious insects, pests, and diseases into and within the Republic.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 730.) 25 TIC § I, modified.

**§ 2002. Promulgation of plant and animal quarantines and regulations**

- a. With the prior approval of the President, the Chief of the Division of Agriculture shall issue plant and animal quarantines and regulations relating to the administration and enforcement of the controls established by this chapter. Letters and memoranda may be issued from time to time by the Chief of the Division of Agriculture and the President relating to the administration and enforcement of such quarantines and regulations.
- b. The plant and animal quarantines and regulations issued pursuant to this chapter shall be translated in whole or in summary from English to Palauan, and shall be published by filing with the Clerk of Courts a copy of such translation and a copy of the English language version.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 731; P.L. No. 4C-32, § I.) 25 TIC § 2, § 2(2) omitted as no longer applicable and section modified.

**Notes**

Uehel v. Owen, 4 TIR 132 (1968)

**§ 2003. Administration and enforcement**

- a. The Chief of the Division of Agriculture shall administer the provisions of the plant and animal quarantines and regulations.
- b. Agricultural quarantine inspectors may be appointed by the President, and shall, under the direction of the Chief of the Division of Agriculture, enforce the provisions of the plant and animal quarantines and regulations.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 732; P.L. No. 4C-32, § 2.) 25 TIC § 3, modified.

#### **§ 2004. Emergency measures authorized**

- a. Upon the discovery of a situation not covered by the quarantines or regulations issued under this chapter or any other situation warranting immediate action, emergency quarantine measures may be taken at any time by an agricultural quarantine inspector or the Chief of the Division of Agriculture.
- a. Such emergency quarantine measures must be reviewed by the Chief of the Division of Agriculture and either incorporated into existing regulations in the manner which is or may be provided by law, or rescinded as soon as practicable after issuance, and in no case shall such action be taken later than 30 days after the measure is taken.

##### **Source**

(Code 1966, § 733; P.L. No. 4C-32, § 3.) 25 TIC § 4, modified

##### **Notes**

Uehel v. Owen, 4 TIR 132 (1968)

#### **§ 2005. Inspection**

- a. All animals and plants or parts thereof, including seeds, fruits, vegetables and cuttings, entering or transported within the Republic are subject to inspection by agricultural quarantine inspectors and may be refused entry into or movement within the Republic if they are known to be, or are suspected of being, infected or infested with disease or pests.
- b. All aircraft and vessels or their cargoes, including baggage, ship's stores and ballast, entering or moving within the Republic, are subject to inspection by agricultural quarantine inspectors for the purpose of enforcing the quarantines and regulations established pursuant to this chapter; provided that such inspections of military aircraft and vessels of the United States Government shall be subject to existent military security regulations.
- c. It shall be a petty misdemeanor for anyone to interfere with or refuse to submit to the inspections authorized by this section.

##### **Source**

(Code 1966, § 734.) 25 TIC § 5, modified.

##### **Notes**

Uehel v. Owen, 4 TIR 132 (1968).

#### **§ 2006. Manifests and information**

Cargo manifests and other similar documents concerning aircraft and vessels traveling in the Republic must be made available to the agricultural quarantine inspectors upon request. Those authorities having information as to the movements of aircraft and vessels must furnish such information to agricultural quarantine inspectors upon request; provided that the provisions of this section are subject to military security regulations.

##### **Source**

(Code 1966, § 735.) 25 TIC § 6, modified.

#### **§ 2007. In-Transit Material**

Any animals, plants or other quarantinable material in transit through the Republic on aircraft or vessels shall be

kept aboard such aircraft or vessel while in port or on any island of the Republic, unless such material is otherwise enterable. If it is necessary to transfer such quarantinable material from one vessel or aircraft to another, such transfer shall be made under the direction of an agricultural quarantine inspector, and with such safeguards as the inspector deems necessary.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 736.) 25 TIC § 7, modified.

**§ 2008. Disposition of contraband material**

Anything attempted to be brought into or transported within the Republic in contravention of the quarantines or regulations established pursuant to this chapter shall be seized by an agricultural quarantine inspector and destroyed by fire or other appropriate means, or expelled from the Republic, or returned to its place of origin at the shipper's expense, depending on the pest risk involved.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 737.) 25 TIC § 8, modified

**§ 2009. Treatment for insects or other pests**

Vessels and aircraft entering into or within the Republic and known or suspected upon reasonable grounds to be harboring insects or other agricultural pests will be subject to spraying with insecticides or such other treatment as may be deemed necessary by an agricultural quarantine inspector; provided that the spraying of aircraft with insecticides and the fumigation of ships is subject to public health regulations.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 738.) 25 TIC § 9, modified.

**§ 2010. Penalties**

A person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or any properly issued plant and animal controls, quarantines or regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Source**

(Code 1966, § 739.) 25 TIC § 10