

# Import (import) of plants, parts of plants and plant products including fruits and seeds

One may not import every plant or plant part from third countries into the EU. This applies in general, regardless of whether it is, for example, vacation souvenirs, foodstuffs, removals or commercial consignments. This is to protect the environment and people from the introduction of plant pests or the spread of foreign plants.

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## **Basic information**

Before entering/importing into the EU, one should inform oneself in principle which plants may be moved. It may be that the transport of plants is prohibited in principle or permitted under certain conditions, e.g. after an official inspection by a phytosanitary inspector and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (PGZ).

## **Procedure**

They can inform themselves on the website of the JKI ([www.jki.bund.de](http://www.jki.bund.de)), which conditions exist for the transport. If you have any further questions, please contact the Plant Protection Service of the LMTVet. Examinations and the issuing of certificates are only carried out on request.

### **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

Necessary examinations by the Plant Protection Service must be notified at least one working day in advance.

### **How long does it take to process**

In addition to short-term information, clarification can take up to a week.

### **What are the costs?**

The information at LMTVet is free of charge. Examination, release are chargeable.