

**Lebanese Republic**  
**Ministry of Agriculture**

**Decree Nr. 1038/1**  
**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 Nr 5818 dated 13.6.2011 (forming of the Government)

Based on Law Nr 31 dated 18.01.1955 and its amendments (specifying the role of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Based on legislative law Nr. 97 dated 16-9-1983 (merger of public establishment with Ministry of Agriculture and re-organization of ministry of Agriculture)

Based on Decree Nr 5246 dated 20.6.1994 (organization of the Ministry of Agriculture)

Based on Law Nr 778 dated 28.11.2006 (Plant Quarantine & Phytosanitary Measures)

Based on Decree Nr 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

Decreases 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 ( NAI ).
- 3- The Seeds Imported for Experimentation and amateurs seeds are exempted from the regulations of decree No.781-1 except:
  - Original Import License.
  - Original Phytosanitary Certificate issued by official Authority for Plant Quarantine in country of origin complying with International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures Nr.12 issued by the International Organization for Plant Protection.
- 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<sup>th</sup> November 2011*  
Minister of Agriculture  
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