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This Law establishes the legal, organizational, and economic foundations for the protection of plants against pests, diseases, and weeds, outlining quarantine measures for plants and handling of plant protection products. Its aim is to prevent losses in plant production.

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Main terms used in the present Law and their definitions

For the purposes of this Law, the following main terms and their definitions shall be used:

Automated information system «BELFITO» (hereinafter referred to as «BELFITO» AIS) is a state information system in the field of plant quarantine, designed for the generation, processing, analysis, and storage of real-time data concerning regulated articles imported into, exported from, or moved across the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union;
(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plant diseases refer to pathological processes in cells, organs, or an entire plant caused by pathogens (viruses, bacteria, mycoplasmas, fungi, etc.) or unfavorable environmental growing conditions

Pests of plants and (or) plant products are rodents, insects, mites, mollusks, worms, and other organisms that adversely affect plants and/or plant products;

Harmful organisms are pests of plants and (or) plant products, plant pathogens and weeds;

State quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection) activities of authorized state bodies and other state organizations aimed at detecting quarantine pests, determining the quarantine phytosanitary safety of regulated products, preventing and suppressing violations of legislation in the field of plant quarantine and plant protection, and fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic of Belarus;

Plant protection is a legal regime providing for a system of measures to control particularly dangerous pests and the procedure for handling plant protection products;

Plant quarantine is a legal regime providing for a system of measures to protect plants and plant products from quarantine pests;

Quarantine phytosanitary security means the state of safeguarding the territory of the Republic of Belarus against risks arising from the entry and/or spread of quarantine pests;

Quarantine phytosanitary zone is a territory where quarantine pests have been detected, a quarantine regime has been established, and quarantine phytosanitary measures are being implemented;

Quarantine pests are pests that are absent or of limited distribution in the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

Quarantine phytosanitary measures are a system of measures for the detection, containment, and eradication of quarantine pests, as well as for preventing their spread within the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

Quarantine regime are temporary restrictions and prohibitions on the use and/or removal of regulated products and other regulated articles from a quarantine phytosanitary zone, as well as other restrictions on economic and other activities, established for a specific period by a decision of a local executive and administrative body;

Quality of plant protection products is the compliance of plant protection products in terms of composition, chemical and physical properties, and formulation with the criteria established by mandatory technical regulatory legal acts;

Control at places of production (including processing) or shipment of seed and planting material (regulated articles) is an inspection performed in accordance with international agreements of the Republic of Belarus and international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union. It includes the survey of production or shipment sites in a foreign country to establish their phytosanitary status, as well as the inspection, sampling, and laboratory testing of seed and planting material intended for import into the Republic of Belarus for sowing or planting; (the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plant protection measures are set of methods and techniques for reducing the population of particularly dangerous pests, including those reaching the economic injury level, to decrease their impact on plants and/or plant products;

Disposal of plant protection products is processing, burial, reduction of hazardous properties, or destruction at specialized facilities without their use, leading to the reduction or prevention of their harmful impact on human life, health, and the environment;

Handling of regulated articles means activities related to the import into, export from (including transit), use, disinfestation, cleaning, return, and destruction of regulated articles;

Handling of plant protection products means activities related to the development, production, import into the Republic of Belarus, and/or export from the Republic of Belarus, including transit movement, as well as transportation, sale, storage, application, and disposal of plant protection products;

Particularly dangerous harmful organisms are harmful organisms capable of reducing the quality and consumer value of plants and plant products upon reaching the economic threshold of harmfulness. These organisms are included in the list of

particularly dangerous pests, plant diseases, and weeds established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, in coordination with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Regulated articles are plants, plant products, tare (packaging), soil, organisms, and materials included in the list of regulated articles subject to state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection) at and across the customs border and within the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, which can be carriers of quarantine pests and/or promote their spread and in respect of which necessary measures for ensuring quarantine and plant protection should be taken;

Quarantine facilities are territories or individual land plots, buildings, structures, reservoirs, storage areas, regulated articles, tare (packaging), equipment, vehicles, containers, agricultural machinery and soil treatment tools, as well as collections of insects, plant pathogens and samples of damage caused by them, herbaria and seed collections, cultures of live fungi, bacteria, viruses, insects, mites, worms and other pests that can be sources of introduction into the territory of the Republic of Belarus and/or spread of quarantine pests within the territory of the Republic of Belarus;

Plants are living plants (vascular and bryophyte plants, algae, lichens and fungi), their parts, including seeds and genetic material;

Plant products are plants, their parts and (or) products of their vital activity, removed from the growth environment and used as raw materials or for other purposes of production and consumption;

Pest-free area is an area in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plants for planting are plants intended to remain planted, or to be planted or replanted;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Weeds are undesirable plants that grow in crops and plantations of cultural (agricultural, ornamental) plants and cause them harm (slowing growth and decreasing crop capacity, deteriorating their quality, other harmful effects), and contributing to the spread of harmful organisms;

Plant protection products are a substance or a mixture of substances of synthetic or natural origin, designed to prevent the appearance, destruction or control of pests, plant pathogens and / or plant products, undesirable plant species, presowing seed treatment, and also for use as growth regulators, defoliants, desiccants and fumigants;

Unfit plant protection products are plant protection products that have passed their expiration date, or whose composition, physical or chemical properties, or formulation do not conform to the data specified in the document certifying the quality of the product issued by the manufacturer;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Packaging label is information on the packed plant protection product, its manufacturer, recommendations for use, transportation and storage, the state registration number, batch number, date of manufacture, shelf life and other information necessary for safe handling, presented on tangible carrier attached to the package, or applied thereon;

Phytopsanitary state is the state of the territory, determined by the number, intensity of development and spread of especially dangerous harmful organisms, their potential danger to plants and (or) plant products;

Phytopsanitary monitoring is a system of observations, assessments and prediction of the development and spread of harmful organisms;

Phytopsanitary certificate is a document for regulated articles, issued in paper or electronic format by the national plant protection organization (NPPO) of the exporting (or re-exporting) country, as provided for by the International Plant Protection Convention of December 6, 1951 (the Convention), which certifies that the regulated article complies with the phytopsanitary requirements of the importing country; (as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Economic injury level is the population density, intensity of development, and distribution of particularly dangerous pests at which the level of plant damage necessitates the implementation of plant protection measures to reduce losses of plants and/or plant products.

Article 2. Legal regulation of relationships in the field of quarantine and plant protection

Relationships in the field of quarantine and plant protection are regulated by this Law, along with other legislative acts concerning quarantine and plant protection, as well as international treaties of the Republic of Belarus and international legal acts part of the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Relationships regarding the protection of forests from pests and diseases are governed by laws concerning the use, protection, and reproduction of forests, with the exception of relationships related to plant quarantine, handling of plant protection products, and information management in plant protection, which are regulated by this Law and other acts of legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection.

Relationships in the field of protection against pests and diseases of plant life not included in the forest fund are governed by legislation concerning the protection and utilization of plant life, unless otherwise established by this Law.

Relationships in the field of quarantine and plant protection for plants growing within the boundaries of water protection zones and coastal strips of surface water bodies are governed by this Law, unless different provisions are established by legislation concerning water protection and use.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Relationships concerning the quarantine and plant protection of plants growing within specially protected natural areas are governed by this Law unless otherwise provided by legislation on specially protected natural territories.

Relationships regarding the handling of unfit plant protection products and regulated articles classified as waste are regulated by waste management legislation

and this Law.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

If international treaties of the Republic of Belarus establish different rules than those provided in this Law, the provisions of the international treaty shall apply.

Article 3. Subjects of Relationships in Plant Quarantine and Protection

Subjects of relations in the field of quarantine and plant protection shall be:

The President of the Republic of Belarus, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, local Councils of Deputies, local executive and administrative bodies, as well as other state bodies and organizations, act within their respective competencies.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Other legal entities, individuals, including individual entrepreneurs.

Article 4. Objects of Relationships in Plant Quarantine and Protection

The objects of plant quarantine relationships are:

- Quarantine pests
- Regulated articles

The objects of plant protection relationships are:

- Particularly dangerous harmful organisms
- Plant protection products.

Article 5. Quarantine and plant protection principles

Quarantine and plant protection shall be carried out in accordance with the following principles:

ensuring public safety and environmental safety during the implementation of quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection measures;

scientific, ecological and economic rationale for the implementation of quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection measures;

the priority of using biological plant protection products;

publicity in the work of government agencies and other state organizations, other legal entities, individual entrepreneurs on quarantine and plant protection issues and providing citizens with complete, reliable and timely information in this field.

Article 6. Measures to ensure quarantine and plant protection

Plant quarantine is ensured through:

adoption (approval) and implementation of normative legal acts, including technical normative legal acts in the field of plant quarantine;

implementation of phytosanitary measures;

conducting state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection);

conducting surveillance in the field of plant quarantine;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

use of the «BELFITO» automated information system.

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plant protection shall be ensured by:

adoption (approval) and implementation of regulatory legal acts, including technical normative legal acts in the field of plant protection;

carrying out inspection in the field of plant protection;

organizing scientific research on the development of new plant protection products, methods, and technologies;

state registration of plant protection products;

production process organization of plant protection products;

implementation of plant protection measures;

creating and using a reserve fund of plant protection products;

formation and use of the data base on plant protection.

Additional provisions may be established by legislation concerning further measures to ensure plant quarantine and protection.

Article 7. Obligations of legal entities, individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, in the field of quarantine and plant protection

Legal entities and individual entrepreneurs involved in handling regulated articles must:

comply with regulatory legal acts, including mandatory requirements of technical regulatory legal acts in the field of plant quarantine;

ensure access for officials conducting state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection) to regulated articles;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

provide officials with the necessary information and documents for executing state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection);

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

not to obstruct the conduct of state phytosanitary control (supervision) and oversight in the field of plant quarantine;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

import into the Republic of Belarus, for sowing and planting, seeds and planting material that are regulated articles only from foreign countries where, as a result of control at production sites (including processing sites) or places of shipment, no spread of quarantine pests specific to such seeds and planting material was identified. This requirement does not apply to imports from the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union member states;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

notify the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» of the arrival of regulated articles imported to the Republic of Belarus to the place of destination (delivery);

prevent the cleaning and (or) disinfecting of transport vehicles carrying regulated articles en route or at locations not designated for such sanitation;

ensure disinfestation or destruction of quarantine pests upon detection;

carry out inspections of quarantine pests and, upon detection of outbreaks involving the widespread dissemination of quarantine pests, to promptly notify the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» accordingly;

transport regulated articles in a manner and by methods that completely eliminate the risk of contaminating areas with quarantine pests;

comply with quarantine regime;

plan phytosanitary measures in collaboration with the territorial organizations of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and implement them in a timely and high-quality manner;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

plan the establishment of pest-free areas in accordance with the phytosanitary requirements of the importing country;

(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

finance the quarantine phytosanitary measures as specified in Article 8, Part Two of this Law.

Legal entities, individual entrepreneurs engaged in handling of plant protection products are obliged to:

comply with regulatory legal acts, including mandatory requirements of technical regulatory legal acts, in the field of plant protection;

ensure the access of authorized persons exercising supervision in the field of plant protection to locations related to the handling of plant protection products;

provide authorized persons exercising supervision in the field of plant protection with information and documents necessary for the conduct of control activities in the field of plant protection;

not to impede the conduct of control activities in the field of plant protection;

submit to the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» information subject to inclusion in the plant protection data register;

maintain records of the availability of plant protection products and the implementation of plant protection measures;

finance plant protection activities provided for in Part Two of Article 8 of this Law;

handle only the plant protection products that have passed state registration and are included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers approved for use on the territory of the Republic of Belarus, with the exception of cases stipulated by part three of Article 22 of this Law;

cease handling of expired and/or prohibited plant protection products and ensure their disposal.

Legal entities and individual entrepreneurs involved in the handling of quarantine pests and/or plant protection products shall comply with other requirements stipulated by the legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection.

Natural persons handling quarantine pests and/or plant protection products are obliged to observe regulatory legal acts, including mandatory requirements of technical

regulatory legal acts, in the field of quarantine and plant protection

Article 8. Financing of quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection measures

Financing for quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection activities comes from legal entities, individual entrepreneurs conducting these activities, as well as from the republican and local budgets and other sources not prohibited by law.

Financing quarantine phytosanitary measures in quarantine zones, disinfection and destruction of regulated articles, return of regulated articles to exporting countries, conducting phytosanitary examination of regulated articles, testing for concealed plant disease agents, tests of plant protection products for biological and practical efficacy, determining the quality of plant protection products, and disposing of unfit and/or banned plant protection products and their packaging is carried out at the expense of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs.

CHAPTER 2
STATE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE FIELD OF
QUARANTINE AND PLANT PROTECTION

Article 9. State Regulation and Management in the Field of Quarantine and Plant Protection

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

State regulation and management in the field of quarantine and plant protection are carried out by the President of the Republic of Belarus, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, and local executive and administrative bodies within their competencies.

Article 10. Powers of the President of the Republic of Belarus in the field of quarantine and plant protection

The President of the Republic of Belarus determines a unified state policy in the field of quarantine and plant protection and exercises other powers in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, this Law, and other legislative acts.

Article 11. Powers of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the field of quarantine and plant protection

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus in the field of quarantine and plant protection shall:

- ensures the implementation of a unified state policy;
- designs and implements state programs for quarantine and plant protection;
- establishes payment procedures and conditions for legal entities and individual entrepreneurs relating to quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection activities in accordance with this Law;
- determines the procedure for defining and marking the boundaries of quarantine

phytosanitary zones, establishing, enforcing, and lifting quarantine regimes;
establishes the procedure for forming and using the plant protection database;
establishes the procedure for issuing phytosanitary certificates, unless otherwise specified by the President of the Republic of Belarus;
establishes the procedure for accrediting entities engaged in conducting quarantine phytosanitary examinations of regulated articles;
establish the procedure for usage of AIS «BELFITO» and its interaction with other information systems;
(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

establish the procedure for control in production sites (including processing sites), place of shipment of seeds and planting material, which qualifies as regulated articles, intended for import into the Republic of Belarus from foreign countries (except EEU member states) for seeding and planting, where spread of quarantine pests, specific to seeds and planting material, which qualifies as regulated articles, was identified;
(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

establish the list of information to be contained in notifications submitted by legal entities planning to engage in or currently engaged in wholesale trade of plant protection products;
(the paragraph is supplemented by Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023; as amended by Law of the Republic of Belarus 30.12.2025 № 126-3)

establishes the procedure for state registration of plant protection products and maintains the State Register of plant protection products and fertilizers permitted for use on the territory of the Republic of Belarus;
establishes the procedure for accrediting entities conducting tests on plant protection products subject to state registration;
performs other powers in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Belarus, this Law, other laws, and acts of the President of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 12. Competencies of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the field of Plant Quarantine and Protection

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food, in the field of plant quarantine and protection, shall:

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

implement a unified state policy;
establish in coordination with the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, the list of regulated pests (quarantine pests and regulated non-quarantine pests);
(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

establish the procedure for conducting phytosanitary surveillance and monitoring;

define the procedure for the participation of representatives of the «Main State

Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» in inspections of regulated articles;

establish procedures for the disinfestation of regulated articles;

specify the procedure for the refusal or re-export of regulated articles to the country of origin;

establish, in coordination with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, the procedure for the disposal or destruction of regulated articles;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

determine the procedure for conducting phytosanitary inspection and laboratory testing of regulated articles;

accredit organizations authorized to perform phytosanitary inspection and testing;

establish, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, the procedures for testing plant protection products (pesticides) subject to state registration;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

accredit entities responsible for conducting efficacy and safety trials of plant protection products for state registration;

establish the procedures for the formation, replenishment, and use of the emergency stockpile of plant protection products;

establish the record-keeping protocol for the availability of plant protection products and the implementation of control measures;

paragraph is excluded. - the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023;

perform other powers as prescribed by this Law and other legislative acts of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 13. Powers of local Councils of Deputies, local executive and administrative bodies in the field of quarantine and plant protection

Local Councils of Deputies in the field of quarantine and plant protection shall:

approve phytosanitary measures to be applied within the quarantine area and plant protection programs, and adopt measures for their implementation;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

exercise other powers in accordance with legislative acts.

Local executive and administrative bodies in the field of quarantine and plant protection shall:

develop measures for handling of plant protection products and regulated articles, recognized as waste, quarantine phytosanitary measures in the quarantine phytosanitary zone and plant protection measures, as well as ensure their implementation;

ensure the proper phytosanitary state of the territory of the relevant administrative-territorial unit;

institute a quarantine regime, take measures to ensure it, and also lift the quarantine regime;

exercise other powers in accordance with legislative acts.

CHAPTER 3 PLANT QUARANTINE

Article 14. Detection of quarantine pests and prevention of their spread

For the purposes of timely detection of quarantine pests and prevention of their spread, the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» shall conduct phytosanitary observations in the procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Upon detection of contamination of regulated articles by quarantine pests, the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» shall determine the boundaries of the quarantine phytosanitary zone and the conditions of the quarantine regime, and shall submit a proposal to the local executive and administrative body for the establishment of a quarantine regime.

Based on the proposal of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection», the local executive and administrative body shall, within the timeframes specified in the proposal, adopt a decision to establish a quarantine regime.

The state institution «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» shall, through mass media and other accessible means, immediately, but no later than three hours after the local executive and administrative body adopts the decision to establish a quarantine regime, inform legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, carrying out economic and other activities in the quarantine phytosanitary zone, about the establishment of the quarantine regime, the conditions of the established quarantine regime, and liability for its violation.

In a quarantine area, the «Main State Inspectorate on Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» shall organize the implementation of quarantine phytosanitary measures, and local executive and administrative bodies shall take necessary measures to ensure the established quarantine regime, involving internal affairs bodies to provide assistance within their competence.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The procedure for determining and marking the boundaries of a quarantine phytosanitary zone, and for establishing, ensuring, and lifting the quarantine regime, shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

Article 15. Protection of the territory of the Republic of Belarus from quarantine pests when importing to and exporting from the Republic of Belarus, including transit, of regulated articles

Protection of the territory of the Republic of Belarus from quarantine pests upon import into the Republic of Belarus and (or) export from the Republic of Belarus, including transit movement, of regulated articles shall be carried out in accordance with this Law and other legislative acts in the field of quarantine and plant protection, international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, and international legal acts

constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Unless otherwise provided for by international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, the import into the Republic of Belarus of regulated articles with high phytosanitary risk is permitted if a phytosanitary certificate, which may be issued in electronic form, is available for such products. (as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Regulated articles imported into the Republic of Belarus are subject to state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection) at checkpoints across the State Border of the Republic of Belarus (places of arrival) and (or) at places of destination (delivery) in the procedure established by legislation and international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

When performing official duties, officials carrying out state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection) must carry their service identification and wear uniform with insignia.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The import of quarantine pests into the Republic of Belarus is prohibited, except for import for scientific research. Such import of quarantine pests for scientific research shall be carried out in the procedure established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

In order to ensure quarantine phytosanitary safety, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus may introduce temporary quarantine phytosanitary measures (prohibitions, restrictions, and others) regarding the import into the Republic of Belarus and (or) export from the Republic of Belarus, including transit movement, of regulated articles in accordance with international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Article 16. Disinfestation, destruction, return of regulated articles. Disinfestation, cleaning, return of vehicles

Regulated articles imported into the Republic of Belarus and contaminated with quarantine pests shall be subject to disinfestation or destruction, if carrying out disinfestation or destruction of the regulated articles is permissible, and if it is impossible to carry them out or the owner of the regulated articles refuses to carry out their disinfestation or destruction – to return to the exporting country in the procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Vehicles used for the transportation of regulated articles shall be subject to disinfestation or cleaning in accordance with mandatory requirements of technical normative legal acts, and if it is impossible to carry them out or the owner of the regulated articles refuses to carry them out – to return together with the transported consignment of regulated articles.

Article 17. Quarantine phytosanitary expertise of regulated articles

If, during visual inspection and (or) analysis of samples (specimens) of regulated articles in the course of state quarantine phytosanitary control (inspection), organisms similar in morphological characteristics to quarantine pests are detected, as well as to detect hidden contamination of regulated articles by quarantine pests, a quarantine phytosanitary expertise of the regulated articles shall be conducted in the procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for the final identification of quarantine pests.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Based on the results of the quarantine phytosanitary expertise of the regulated articles, a conclusion shall be drawn up, which, in the event of detection of a quarantine pest, determines the quarantine phytosanitary measures in respect of the examined regulated articles.

Phytosanitary examination of regulated articles shall be conducted by legal entities certified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the procedure established by the legislation on administrative procedures.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus dated 19.10.2023 No. 306-Z)

CHAPTER 4

PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS AND THEIR HANDLING

Article 18. State registration of plant protection products

State registration of plant protection products shall be carried out by the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» in the procedure established by the legislation on administrative procedures.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plant protection products are subject to state registration based on positive results of tests of plant protection products carried out by legal entities certified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in the procedure established by the legislation on administrative procedures, as well as a toxicological-hygienic assessment carried out by legal entities accredited by the Ministry of Health in the procedure established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The toxicological-hygienic assessment of plant protection products is a sanitary measure which consists of assessing compliance with the safety requirements of plant protection products established by international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, according to toxicological-hygienic characteristics.

The procedure for conducting the toxicological-hygienic assessment of plant protection products shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus, taking into account international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Information on plant protection products that have passed state registration, and their characteristics, shall be included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, which

is maintained by the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection».

For a plant protection product included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, a certificate of state registration of the plant protection product shall be issued to the legal entity that submitted the application and paid for the state registration of the plant protection product.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Article 19. Development and manufacturing of plant protection products

When developing new plant protection products, the risks of harmful effects of plant protection products on human health and the environment must be assessed, and methods for the safe handling of plant protection products must be developed.

The production of plant protection products must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of sanitary norms and rules, and other mandatory requirements of technical normative legal acts, and the plant protection products must comply with the mandatory requirements of technical normative legal acts.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The manufacturer of plant protection products shall:

ensure the production of plant protection products in accordance with the requirements of sanitary norms and rules, and other mandatory requirements of technical normative legal acts;

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

ensure the production of standard samples for reliable assessment of the quality of plant protection products;

cease production of plant protection products in cases where their safe use for human life and health and the environment becomes impossible;

ensure the neutralization of plant protection products produced by and in its possession that have become unusable and (or) are prohibited for use;

develop methods and technologies for the neutralization of plant protection products and their containers (packaging);

ensure that each container unit with a plant protection product has recommendations for its use, transportation, and storage (on the container (packaging) label or in a special appendix) indicating the state registration number.

Article 20. Requirements for transportation and storage of plant protection products, import to the Republic of Belarus and / or export from the Republic of Belarus, including transit, of plant protection products

Transportation and storage of plant protection products, import into the Republic of Belarus and (or) export from the Republic of Belarus, including transit movement, of plant protection products shall be carried out in accordance with this Law and other legislative acts in the field of transportation of dangerous goods, legislation on foreign economic activity, on customs regulation, international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, and international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

When transporting and storing plant protection products, it is necessary to comply with the requirements ensuring the safety of human life and health and the protection of the environment from the harmful effects of plant protection products, established by legislative acts in the field of sanitary-epidemiological welfare of the population, environmental protection, and rational use of natural resources. (part two of Article 20 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The import into the Republic of Belarus, if it is the country of destination, of plant protection products included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus is permitted, unless otherwise provided for by international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

In the absence of plant protection products in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, their import into the Republic of Belarus, if it is the country of destination, from the territory of a member state of the Eurasian Economic Union is permitted based on a permit document (conclusion) issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in accordance with international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, in cases, according to the procedure, and under the conditions established by the legislation on administrative procedures.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

In the Republic of Belarus, the import onto the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union of plant protection products in cases provided for by international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union shall be carried out on the basis of a license or a conclusion (permit document). In the Republic of Belarus, the issuance of a license shall be carried out by the Ministry of Antimonopoly Regulation and Trade in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in accordance with international legal acts constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the issuance of a conclusion (permit document) – by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food in accordance with said acts, as well as in the procedure and under the conditions established by the legislation on administrative procedures. (as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

In the Republic of Belarus, the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union of plant protection products by individuals as goods for personal use is prohibited.

The requirements provided for in parts four through six of this Article shall apply to plant protection products included in the unified list of goods subject to non-tariff regulation measures in trade with third countries, provided for by an international legal act constituting the law of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Article 21. Requirements for selling of plant protection products

Legal entities engaged in wholesale and (or) retail trade of plant protection products, as well as individual entrepreneurs engaged in retail trade of plant protection products, may conclude transactions only with plant protection products that have passed state registration and are included in the State Register of Plant Protection

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(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 126-3 of December 30, 2025)

Legal entities planning to engage in wholesale trade of plant protection products shall notify the Inspectorate in writing within one month before starting such activity. Legal entities engaged in wholesale trade of plant protection products shall notify the Inspectorate in writing within one month after ceasing such activity the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» in writing, specifying the information established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

(as amended by the Laws of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023, No. 126-3 of December 30, 2025)

Plant protection products after the expiration of the validity period of the certificate of state registration of the plant protection product or termination of the state registration of the plant protection product, as well as plant protection products that have become unusable and (or) are prohibited for use, shall not be permitted for sale.
(part three of Article 21 is supplemented by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

When selling plant protection products, the seller (supplier) is obliged to ensure that each container unit with a plant protection product has recommendations for its use, transportation, and storage (on the container (packaging) label or in a special appendix) indicating the state registration number.

A plant protection product, when sold, must be accompanied by a document confirming the quality of the plant protection product, issued by the manufacturer. This document shall specify information about:

the name of the plant protection product and the content of active substances therein;

the manufacturer (full name of the legal entity, surname, first name, patronymic (if any) of the individual entrepreneur) and the trademark of the plant protection product (if any);

the date of manufacture of the plant protection product (day, month, year) and its shelf life (month, year);

the batch number;

the net weight or volume of the batch;

the number of packaging units in the batch;

the results of the conducted tests of the plant protection product and the conclusion on the quality of the plant protection product.

Article 22. Requirements for use of plant protection products

In the Republic of Belarus, only plant protection products that have passed state registration and are included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, except for cases provided for in part three of this Article, as well as plant protection products that have not become unusable and are not prohibited for use, are permitted for use.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The application of plant protection products by legal entities and individual

entrepreneurs must be carried out during the implementation of quarantine phytosanitary measures and plant protection measures in accordance with the requirements of sanitary norms and rules, other mandatory requirements of technical normative legal acts, and in compliance with the recommendations for the application of plant protection products by persons with special training, as well as taking into account the requirements established by legislative acts in the field of environmental protection and rational use of natural resources.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Plant protection products not included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus may be applied only on the basis of a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for conducting scientific research and in the event of a threat to the phytosanitary security of the Republic of Belarus. The procedure for issuing permits shall be established by the legislation on administrative procedures; the procedure for applying such plant protection products shall be established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Article 23. Disinfestation of unfit and (or) prohibited for use plant protection products

The neutralization of plant protection products that have become unusable and (or) are prohibited for use, and their containers (packaging), shall be ensured by legal entities and individual entrepreneurs in accordance with the legislation on waste management.

Article 24. Reserve fund of plant protection products

The reserve fund of plant protection products represents a certain volume of regularly updated plant protection products included in the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, which is intended for the elimination of unforeseen mass spread of harmful organisms and is under the authority (disposal) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food or an organization authorized by it.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The procedure for the formation, replenishment, and use of the reserve fund of plant protection products shall be established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.
(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

CHAPTER 5 RECORD KEEPING AND INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT PROTECTION. SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT OF QUARANTINE AND PLANT PROTECTION

Article 25. Accounting in the field of plant protection

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Legal entities and individual entrepreneurs handling plant protection products

shall maintain records of the availability of plant protection products and (or) the implementation of plant protection measures in the procedure established by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Article 25-1. Accounting and traceability of regulated articles

(the paragraph is supplemented by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Accounting and traceability of regulated articles are ensured via the AIS «BELFITO» (Automated Information System «BELFITO»).

The owner of AIS «BELFITO» is the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection». The operator of AIS «BELFITO» is the republican unitary enterprise «National Center for Electronic Services».

Within the framework of the operation of AIS «BELFITO», the following are carried out:

formation, collection, processing, accumulation, storage, provision of information on regulated articles imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, exported from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, and moved across the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as its protection;

information interaction with state bodies and bodies of foreign states exercising control in the field of plant quarantine.

The formation of information contained in AIS «BELFITO» is carried out by officials of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations.

Article 26. Data fund for plant protection. Information in the field of plant protection

The data fund for plant protection includes information obtained as a result of phytosanitary observations and the implementation of measures of a technical (technological, verification) nature, measures of a preventive and precautionary nature, accounting data in the field of plant protection, data from the list of especially dangerous pests, plant diseases and weeds, the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus, as well as other information obtained in the course of activities in the field of plant protection.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» shall carry out the formation and use of the data fund for plant protection in the procedure established by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus.

Officials of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations are obliged, through mass media and other accessible means, to timely inform the population about the phytosanitary condition of the territory of the Republic of Belarus as a whole and its individual administrative-territorial units, measures being taken to improve it, optimal

timing, means and methods for implementing plant protection measures, and requirements for the safe handling of plant protection products.

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Article 27. Scientific support of quarantine and plant protection

Scientific support for quarantine and plant protection is carried out by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus in accordance with the legislation on scientific activities.

CHAPTER 6

SUPERVISION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT QUARANTINE AND SUPERVISION IN THE FIELD OF PLANT PROTECTION. POWERS OF THE STATE INSTITUTION «MAIN STATE INSPECTORATE FOR SEED BREEDING, QUARANTINE AND PLANT PROTECTION». LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION OF LEGISLATION IN THE FIELD OF QUARANTINE AND PLANT PROTECTION

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Article 28. Supervision in the field of plant quarantine and supervision in the field of plant protection

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

Supervision in the field of plant quarantine and supervision in the field of plant protection are carried out for the purposes of preventing, detecting, and suppressing violations of legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection by legal entities and individual entrepreneurs handling regulated articles, as well as by legal entities and individual entrepreneurs handling plant protection products, through conducting:

measures of a technical (technological, verification) nature;
explanatory work on the procedure for complying with legislative requirements and applying its provisions in practice;
seminars, round tables, and other activities.

Article 29. Powers of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection»

(as amended by the Law of the Republic of Belarus No. 306-3 of October 19, 2023)

The state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» is the official national organization for plant quarantine and protection, responsible for fulfilling the obligations provided for in Article IV of the Convention.

The powers of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» include:

implementation of supervision in the field of plant quarantine and supervision in the field of plant protection;

conducting quarantine phytosanitary expertise of regulated articles after passing the certification provided for in part three of Article 17 of this Law;

conducting control at places of production (including processing) and shipment

of regulated articles consisting of seed and planting material;
establishing pest-free areas in accordance with the Convention and international standards adopted within the framework of the Convention;
fulfilling obligations undertaken in accordance with international treaties of the Republic of Belarus;
conducting phytosanitary observations;
determining and marking the boundaries of the quarantine phytosanitary zone and the conditions of the quarantine regime, submitting proposals to local executive and administrative bodies for the establishment and lifting of the quarantine regime;
organizing the implementation of quarantine phytosanitary measures in the quarantine phytosanitary zone;
issuing phytosanitary certificates for regulated articles;
organizing the disinfection and cleaning of regulated articles;
carrying out state registration of plant protection products and maintaining the State Register of Plant Protection Products and Fertilizers Authorized for Use on the Territory of the Republic of Belarus;
forming and using the data fund for plant protection;
exercising other powers in accordance with legislation.

The powers in the field of quarantine and plant protection assigned to the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» by this Law and other legislative acts shall be exercised by officials who are chief state inspectors, state inspectors for plant quarantine, state inspectors for plant protection, state inspectors of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations.

Heads of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations, as well as their deputies, are chief state inspectors.

Deputy heads of state inspectorates for plant quarantine, heads, their deputies, and specialists of structural divisions of state inspectorates for plant quarantine of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations are state inspectors for plant quarantine.

Deputy heads of state inspectorates for plant protection, heads, their deputies, and specialists of structural divisions of state inspectorates for plant protection of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» and its territorial organizations are state inspectors for plant protection.

Heads, their deputies, and specialists of separate structural divisions of territorial organizations of the state institution «Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection» are state inspectors.

Article 30. Liability for violation of legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection

Violation of legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection shall entail administrative, criminal, and other liability in accordance with legislative acts.

Bringing persons to liability for violation of legislation in the field of quarantine and plant protection does not relieve them of the obligation to compensate for harm caused as a result of handling regulated articles and (or) plant protection products, in the procedure established by legislation.

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