

SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	Myanmar (MM)
Food Product Category	Fruits & Vegetables & Their Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0701 - 0714, 0801 - 0814, 2001 - 2008

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

SN	Sub-header	Details
1	Product eligibility / ineligibility	Fruits & vegetables and their products are eligible for export from Singapore to Myanmar.
2	Importing country authority	The Plant Protection Division (PPD), Department of Agriculture under Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under Ministry of Health are the competent authorities regulating the import of fruits and vegetables and their products into Myanmar. PDD is responsible for the regulation of imported fruits and vegetables and their products. FDA is largely responsible for the regulation of processed foods (which include fruit and vegetable products).
3	Pre-export approvals by the importing country	Products In May 2024, FDA announced a Food Product Notification, detailing the requirements on applying for food product registration, such as submitting information regarding food type, brand, net weight, packaging, manufacturer, and certification via the E-Submission System. The new initiative would be implemented in phases, with the current phase being voluntary before amending as needed for mandatory compliance. Establishments

	No establishment listing is required for fruits and vegetables and their products exported from Singapore to Myanmar. Importers Importers must obtain the necessary approvals (namely import certificate, import recommendation, import license, import endorsement, import health certificate) before importing into Myanmar. Import certificate For plant and plant products, an import certificate is required from the Plant Protection Division (PPD), Department of Agriculture. According to the Plant Pest Quarantine Law, plants and plant products shall be imported by importer with an import certificate. Import Certificate for Plant and Plant Products further states that such products must be analyzed for pest risk by the Plant Protection Division. The importer shall obtain, complete and submit the application form along with necessary supporting documents. Such documents include: 1) Authorization letter with company letterhead (for company who use agent to apply) 2) Representatives must be registered at the Plant Protection Division 3) For the following agriculture products, the recommendation letter from the respective agencies must be provided: a) Sugar cane (recommendation letter from Sugar Crops Division) b) Perennial crops (recommendation letter from Perennial Crops Division) c) Cotton (recommendation letter from Cotton and Allied Fiber Crops Division) d) Coffee (recommendation letter from Coffee and Seasonal Crops Division) e) Other crops (recommendation letter from Seed Division) f) Forest plants (recommendation letter from Forest Department) Import recommendation For processed food, an import recommendation is required from the Food and Drug Administration. According to the Food Import Recommendation, the importer of processed food must complete and submit application to the E-Submission System Registration along with the necessary supporting documents. Such documents must
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		contain food specification document, ingredients document, GMP certificate, and label or if food item with big size packaging is uneasy to provide, a photo or branding of such food item is required. Import license After receiving the import certificate, the importer shall continue to apply for import license from the Ministry of Commerce (MOC). The applicant (company representative or agent) can file for the import license via the TradeNet 2.0. Import endorsement Before clearing import customs for plants and plant products, the importer shall prepare to apply for import endorsement from the Plant Protection Division (PPD), Department of Agriculture. According to the Import Endorsement for Plants and Plant Products, the importer shall submit the following supporting documents: 1) Other Government Agency (OGA) test application information 2) Phytosanitary Certificate (original) Import health certificate Before clearing import customs for packaged plant products, the importer shall prepare to apply for food import health certificate from the Food and Drug Administration through the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) with a sample food amount of 1500 g. According to the Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation, the importer shall file the application with the following supporting documents: 1) Bill of lading 2) Invoice 3) Packing list 4) Import declaration / Release Order Notification 5) Certificate of analysis 6) Health Certificate 7) Registered trademark
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4	Export certificates for food	(1) Phytosanitary Certificate A valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the National Parks Board (NParks) is required for each consignment of fresh fruits and vegetables. For exports that require a Phytosanitary Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to NParks here. The import conditions are outlined in the Plant Pest Quarantine Law and the published Certification Requirements for Plants and Plant Products. (2) Free Sale Certificate A Free Sale Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of processed fruit and vegetable products. For exports that require a Free Sale Certificate, you may apply here. (3) Certificate of Analysis A certificate of analysis (laboratory test report) must be provided for each consignment. The test should be done before importing. The specific test parameters for 36 pre-determined food categories are listed in the Minimum Requirement of Laboratory Parameters for Food Safety by FDA. For no. 8 category of “frozen fruits and vegetables pre-packaged,” refer to the following extracted details: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Parameters</th><th>Status</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chemical</td><td>Pesticide residues</td><td>Optional</td></tr> <tr> <td>Heavy Metal</td><td>Lead</td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Other relevant heavy metals</td><td>If applicable</td></tr> <tr> <td>Microbiological</td><td><i>Escherichia coli</i></td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td><i>Salmonella</i></td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> </tbody> </table> For no. 13 category of “nuts pre-packaged,” refer to the following extracted details: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Parameters</th><th>Status</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chemical</td><td>Aflatoxin (Total or specific)</td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> <tr> <td>Heavy Metal</td><td>Lead (not applicable for tree nut)</td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Arsenic (not applicable for tree nut)</td><td>Mandatory</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Parameters		Status	Chemical	Pesticide residues	Optional	Heavy Metal	Lead	Mandatory		Other relevant heavy metals	If applicable	Microbiological	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Mandatory		<i>Salmonella</i>	Mandatory	Parameters		Status	Chemical	Aflatoxin (Total or specific)	Mandatory	Heavy Metal	Lead (not applicable for tree nut)	Mandatory		Arsenic (not applicable for tree nut)	Mandatory
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		Both importers and exporters should be aware of the additional testing parameters in no. 35 category of “ready-to-eat products” and no. 36 category of “ready-to-cook products.” (4) Other Certificates A valid food safety management system certificate (such as GMP or HACCP or ISO 22000 certificate) should accompany the consignment.		
5	Regulations and standards	Interested exporters who wish to export fruits and vegetables and their products to Myanmar must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide: (1)General regulations National Food Law, National Food Law Amendment (16-8-2013) and National Food Law Amendment Act 2024 outline the responsibilities, powers and organization structure of the FDA. This includes the application and revocation of food establishment licenses, the responsibilities of food inspectors, the relevant conditions for violations and corresponding penalties, and the specific requirements for food production, storage, transportation, distribution, sales, import and export. (2)Food additives The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for food additives will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is General Standard for Food Additives CXS 192-1995 and Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) Online Database. In addition, the SOP listed some banned food additives: - Unpermitted food colour are sudan II, rhodamin B, auramine O, orange II, orange III - Unpermitted food preservatives are formalin, borax, sodium hydrosulphite, salicylic acid		

	The SOP also listed the maximum level of selected food additives (namely cyclamate, sorbate, benzoate, aspartame, saccharin, sulfite, and nitrites) in specified food categories. (3)Contaminants and toxins The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for chemical contaminants in food will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed CXS 193-1995. (4)Microorganisms The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for microbiological contaminants in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Food CXS 21-1997. (5)Pesticide residues The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of pesticide will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation issued the Notification No. 2/2021 concerning the prohibited pesticide list and Notification No. 15/2023 concerning the amendment of the list of pesticides prohibited for use in Myanmar, which bans the use of toxic substances. (6)Veterinary drug residues The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of veterinary drug in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Veterinary Drug Residue in Food Online Database.
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6	Labelling, packaging and marking requirements	(1)Labelling Declaration No. 8/2022 Order to Label Prepackaged Foods states the definition of terms, the basic principles of labelling, the content that must be included in the label, the compulsory labelling requirements for irradiated foods, alcoholic beverages, warning, and nutrition facts, the provisions for indexing, the additional resources, and other regulatory administrative or enforcement functions. The contents in the label must include the name of the food, the list of ingredients, the net content, the name and address, the country of origin, the lot identification, the date marking, and the instructions for use. The directive also stipulates that the language used in the label must be Burmese. If the language of the original label is not Burmese, the product should be re-labelled and the information of the re-label must be consistent with the original label. Consumer Protection Law, Notification No. 1/2019 Labelling requirements for businesses, and Directive No. 2/2019 Labeling Requirement for the Business required all consumer products sold in the country to be labelled with minimal information in Burmese. Instruction No. 1/98 Minimum requirements of the food industry required the label of foods to include the name and address of company, the list of ingredients, the date of manufacturing and expiry. In addition, the date markings must not be easily removed, erased, or reused. If the packaging is more than one layer, the date markings must be applied in all packaging layers. The Food Product Notification currently encourages all pre-packaged foods to display a food product code on the product label to ensure consumer safety and traceability. (2)Packaging It is recommended to follow ASEAN General Guidelines on Food Contact Materials and General Standard for the Labelling of Prepacked Foods CXS 1-1985.
7	Other information	Import Procedures Upon arrival at the designated port or border gate of Myanmar, the importer shall submit the Import Declaration and relevant documents to the Myanmar Customs Department through the Myanmar Automated

		Cargo Clearance System (MACCS). In addition, the importer will need to arrange samples for physical and laboratory examination. The PPD, DOA officials will test the samples based on risk and data assessment. Myanmar National Trade Portal also provides detailed import procedures. WTO Import Licensing Procedures Myanmar's legislation and notifications Myanmar's participation in WTO ASEAN resources on prepared / processed foods Regulation - Myanmar (contains a comprehensive list of regulations, standards, and decrees in static PDF files) ASEAN Trade Repository ASEAN Member States' National Trade Repositories Search Harmonised Standards in ASEAN USDA Gain Reports Burma FAIRS Country Report provides guidelines on Myanmar's food import regulations to American exporters Contact Information Department of Food and Drug Administration Email: fda@mohs.gov.mm, fdanpt1@gmail.com, foodasean3.mm@gmail.com Phone: 067-403609 Fax: 067-403350 Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Email: contact@e-moali.gov.mm Phone: 067-410004, 067-408434 Fax: 067-408049
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