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PRIOR IMPORT AUTHORISATION (API) FOR PLANT PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTS OF PLANT ORIGIN

DEFINITION	<p>The importation of plant products or products of plant origin is subject to the issue of a Prior Import Authorisation (API) by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development - Appendix A of Decree n°93- 313 of 11 March 1993</p> <p>In order to guarantee that plant products or products of plant origin imported into Côte d'Ivoire comply with the phytosanitary requirements defined by the regulations and conventions in force, it is necessary to obtain a Prior Import Authorisation (API) from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development under the conditions specified below in order to be authorised to import these products into the country.</p> <p>The Prior Import Authorization (API) or Import Permit is requested by the importer and issued before the importation of products into Côte d'Ivoire by the Department of Plant Protection, Control and Quality of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.</p>
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PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION	<p>The procedure for obtaining the API has been dematerialized through the electronic portal of the Single Window for Foreign Trade (GUCE).</p> <p>The request is made through the portal of the Single Window for Foreign Trade (GUCE) by the importer or the mandated forwarder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start the procedure by requesting an Import Declaration Form (FDI) via the Commercial Transaction module.• The FDI obtained, make the API request to the ministry via the e-License module. <p>Once the request has been submitted, the technical ministry concerned will receive an email notification and will also connect to the GUCE site for processing and issuing the API..</p> <p>N.B: Acces to the site requires prior registration as an importer or freight forwarder (https://guce.gouv.ci/register/procedure).</p>
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STATE STRUCTURE(S) CONCERNED	Foreign Trade Single Window. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
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	Department of Plant Protection, Control and Quality (DPVCQ). Sub-Directorate of Phytosanitary Inspections (SDIP).
COST	Free of charge - (centralised at GUCE level by Decree n°2016.296 of May 11, 2016 and by Interministerial Order 0005 MPMBE/MICOM/MSHP/MINADER of December 30 2016 regulating Foreign Trade Certificates and Authorisations).
DELIVERY TIME	The deadline for validation of the online API by the technical department concerned is a maximum of 120 hours (5 days) .
APPLICATION DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A proforma invoice.• An Import Declaration Form.• Nature of the product or any other document necessary for verification (analysis certificate, packing list, etc.).
LEGAL BASIS (LEGAL REFERENCE)	Appendix A to Decree n°93-313 du 11 Mars 1993 Decree No. 2016.296 and Interministerial Order No. 0005 MPMBE/MICOM/MSHP/MINADER regulating Certificates and Authorizations in Foreign Trade)
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