

Pests requiring plant quarantine attention during importation of olive (*Olea europaea*) seeds

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A proposal to import olive seeds prompted us to analyze the risk to determine the pests that require plant quarantine attention. According to the international standards developed by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), occurrence of the pests in Sri Lanka, their potential of entry, their potential of establishment and their economic impact were considered in this Import Risk Analysis (IRA). Out of eleven pests that can be transmitted by olive seeds, an insect *Cryptophlebia leucotreta*, a fungus *Verticillium dahliae* and two viruses, Cherry leaf roll virus and Olive latent ring spot virus require plant quarantine attention during the importation of olive seeds. Therefore, safeguard measures should be implemented to prevent the entry of such pests into the country. Permission to import olive seeds may be granted under special conditions that the consignments should be free from *Cryptophlebia leucotreta*, *Verticillium dahliae*, Cherry leaf roll virus and Olive latent ring spot virus.

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