



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Saudi Food & Drug Authority



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First: Registration

The importer must be registered in the authority's electronic systems.
The products the importer wishes to import must also be registered.



Second: Documents and Certificates

- Phytosanitary Certificate or Phytosanitary Certificate for Re-export issued by the official authorities in the country of origin or the exporting country according to international standards for Phytosanitary measures.
- Copy of the customs declaration.
- Copy of the purchase invoice.
- Packing list.
- Certificate of origin.
- Organic product certificate, according to the conditions for the sale of organic products published on the authority's website.



Third: Product Requirements

- Shipments must comply with the requirements of the Agricultural Quarantine Law of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and its executive regulations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Fresh vegetables and fruits must comply with the Gulf Technical Regulation No. 123 FDA.FD/GS General Requirements for Fresh Vegetables and Fruits.
- Fresh vegetables and fruits must comply with the requirements specified in the approved technical regulations for each type as announced on the Gulf Standardization Organization's website (www.gso.org.sa) and on the Saudi Food and Drug Authority's website (www.sfda.gov.sa)
- Compliance with the approved Gulf Technical Regulation (Permitted Food Additives in Food "2500 SFDA.FD")
- The use of irradiation technology on fresh vegetables and fruits must comply with the approved Saudi technical regulation (SFDA.FD/GSO 1814 General standard for irradiated foods (
- Vegetables and fruits produced using genetically modified technology must comply with the approved Saudi technical regulation (2141 SFDA.FD/GSO General Requirements For Genetically Modified Unprocessed Agricultural Products)



Fourth: Packaging Requirements

The product must be packaged in suitable containers that maintain the quality and safety of the product, according to the requirements of Gulf Technical Regulation No. 124 SFDA.FD/GSO General Requirements For Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Boxes



Fifth: Transportation

The transportation method must be refrigerated and provide the standard temperature for chilled vegetables and fruits during transportation, according to the approved Gulf Technical Regulation General Requirements for the Transportation and Storage of chilled and Frozen Foods SFDA.FD/GSO 323.



Sixth: Explanatory statements

Fresh vegetables and fruits must meet the requirements of Gulf Technical Regulation No. 123 SFDA.FD/GSO General Requirements for Fresh Vegetables and Fruits, and Gulf Technical Regulation No. 9 SFDA.FD/GSO Labeling of Prepackaged Food Stuffs



Seventh: Sampling for Inspection

The Ministry Of Environment Water And Agriculture (MEWA) and the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) have the right to take samples from shipments of fresh vegetables and fruits and refer them to routine laboratory tests to ensure their compliance with the agricultural quarantine requirements in the Kingdom and for examinations of specified national monitoring programs according to the requirements of the approved Technical regulations. The importer shall bear the costs of these tests in accredited laboratories designated by the SFDA and the MEWA, each party in its capacity.



Eighth: General Requirements

- Compliance with the circular issued by the SFDA to the chambers of commerce number (47084) dated 12/06/1440 AH, which stipulates that importers must retain the original documents for a period of five years from the date of clearance.
- Compliance with all procedures, requirements, and circulars issued by the Saudi Food and Drug Authority and the Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture.

