

Guidelines for manufacturers/ importers to import Coconut Kernel to process and export coconut kernel based products

*(The whole process of importation of coconut kernel of *Cocos nucifera* L. should be in compliance with rules and regulations imposed with related to Food safety of local and international authorities)*

1. Application Procedure

- 1.1 Duly filled application(Form 01/CDA) and Application for a permit to import planting material, seeds and plant products, should be forwarded to Director (Processing & Development) on fax No : 0112 322 797 /dpdcda@gmail.com
- 1.2. Seperate applications shall produced for different countries of origin (country of which the kernel to be imported)
- 1.3 Manufacturers shall register with CDA for the product to be processed for the year concerned

2. Procedure for the receive of coconut kernel at the port

- 2.1 Manufacturer/importer shall produce copies of customs documents (importation) and Details of Product/s to be processed and exported by completing Form 02/CDA along with copy of Phytosanitary certificate to Director- Processing Development-CDA three days prior for arrival in the local port to arrange inspections.
- 2.2 The container containing the imported kernel should be made available to CDA inspector/Authorized officers for inspection at the port of entry
- 2.3 The container will be released after the inspections and Importer/manufacturer shall securely transport to the proposed factory site for further processing.
- 2.4. Imported kernel shall only used for the intended product at proposed site/s as declared in Form 02/CDA.

3. Procedure for processing and Packaging

Receive of coconut kernel and processing

- 3.1 Upon arrival, Inspector/Authorized CDA officer shall inspect during the processing.
- 3.2 Processing area will be inspected by an authorized inspector during the production.

Packaging of finished products

3.5. Ultimate packaging shall bear the marking 'Manufactured in Sri Lanka'. Marking of 'Ceylon Desiccated Coconut' will be exclusively used for product manufacture using 100% locally sourced coconut. All the markings shall be printed and legible and not be stencilled.

3.6 All packages shall bear CDA label carrying serial numbers and dispatching from the mill/manufacturing site is not permitted unless label is affixed.

Sampling of finished products

3.7 Samples shall be furnished to CDA for the analysis as per SLS specifications (physicochemical and microbiological). The charges for analysis should be borne by the manufacturer.

Record keeping

3.8 Records shall be maintained at the factory, signed by authorized officer of the factory and kept under the custody of Authorized officer. These records shall be made available to CDA officer at inquiry at any time.

3.9 Copy of this record should be sent to Director - Processing Development, Coconut Development Authority, No 01, Duke Street, Colombo 01 prior to the next importation. (Specimen record as per annexure 01)

Continue processing of kernel of local origin

3.10. 100% Locally originated coconut kernel processing commences after thorough cleaning of the processing line is mandatory and a cleaning schedule should be maintained.

Returning of consignments

3.11 Requests for return of consignments of finished products produced from imported coconut kernel will not be entertained.

Appeals

3.12 Appeals shall be entertained as indicated in the Rules and regulations for the product concerned/DC

Important Note: The importation, processing and exportation shall always proceed subject to the rules and regulations stipulated by the coconut Development Authority And CDA has the right to impose such rules and regulations where deemed necessary when proceed.