

## **Renewed phytosanitary import checks in Austria**

Starting the 1st of January 2014 phytosanitary import checks in Austria will be undertaken by inspectors of the Federal Service for Food Safety (BAES), reports the German website Proplanta.de. Up until now the checks on plant products (cut flowers, vegetables, fruit and seeds) were still carried out by specially trained customs officials.

Plants and plant products must be checked when imported from third world countries. This is due to the danger of them carrying dangerous plant diseases or vermin, which could have catastrophic results in agriculture and forestry. This is why there is even an import ban for some varieties, such as citrus plants and seed potatoes. Only when the wares have been through phytosanitary checks and deemed healthy can they pass into ordinary goods transport.

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