

Specification of Competency Standards
for the Arboriculture & Horticulture Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area - Plant Selection, Cultivation and Propagation

Title	Handle imported plants
Code	109074L2
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to frontline personnel who are engaged in plant procurement in the arboriculture and horticulture industry. Practitioners should be capable of handling the procedures for importing plants and arranging transportation service providers to deliver nursery stock to Hong Kong.
Level	2
Credit	2 (For Reference Only)
Competency	<p>Performance Requirements</p> <p>1. Possess knowledge related to handling imported plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehend the workflow for handling imported plants • Know about local suppliers that provide nursery stock transportation services • Comprehend the information about local transit nurseries • Comprehend the quarantine, customs declaration and customs clearance procedures for the importation of plants • Comprehend the related laws on importing foreign plants <p>2. Handle imported plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate with suppliers to arrange the importation of plants • Handle the quarantine, customs declaration and customs clearance procedures for imported plants, for example, applying for the Plant Import Licence and Phytosanitary Certificate • Contact suppliers that provide nursery stock transportation services to handle the transportation arrangements after the plants arrive in Hong Kong • Arrange for the imported plants to be temporarily stored in a transit nursery if necessary and wait for the actual delivery arrangements • Handle all administrative arrangements in the importation process as required by law <p>3. Exhibit professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle the imported plants cautiously and conduct stringent reviews to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases that may lead to serious ecological disasters, endangering the local species
Assessment Criteria	<p>The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to handle the relevant procedures for the importation of plants in accordance with the legal requirements; and • Able to arrange transportation service providers to undertake the related transportation arrangements.
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