



## IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

### For orchids coming to Canada from the World Orchid Congress, January 2008

- The following table includes the import requirements for orchids of foreign origin entering Canada. For plants of Canadian origin (i.e. Canadian plants returning to Canada), copies of the original documentation that accompanied the plants when they entered the USA will be required upon re-entry to Canada. The importer will be required to provide a copy of the Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate or Foreign Phytosanitary Certificate for re-export, and copies of the original Canadian export documents (e.g. bill of lading, waybills, invoices, bank documents, etc.). If it cannot be established that the returning material is of Canadian origin, the phytosanitary import requirements indicated in the table below will apply.
- Plants are considered to originate from the Continental USA if they were grown only in the Continental USA, or if they were produced in another country/location but have been grown for at least the previous 12 months in the Continental USA. Plants are considered to originate from outside the Continental USA if they were grown outside Continental USA (Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all other countries) and have not been grown for the past 12 months in the Continental USA.
- Importation of orchid plants must comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Contact Environment Canada, for additional information.
- Detailed instructions for obtaining an import permit are available on the CFIA's internet site at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/internat/importe.shtml>. When an import permit is required, it is recommended that an application be submitted well in advance of the date of export.
- Import requirements are subject to change. Consult the Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) [http://airs-sari.inspection.gc.ca/AIRS/airs\\_decisions.asp?l=E](http://airs-sari.inspection.gc.ca/AIRS/airs_decisions.asp?l=E) and CFIA plant protection policy directives for the most up to date information. Directives are located at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/directe.shtml>. Additional information can also be obtained by calling an Import Service Centre (extended hours, 7 days a week) at 1-800-835-4486 (Canada or U.S.A.), or visit: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/imp/importe.shtml>

Commodity	Originating from the Continental US.	Originating from outside the Continental US (including Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all other countries)
Orchid houseplants – for personal use (i.e. not for commercial resale).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be fewer than 50 plants.</li> <li>• Plants must accompany the traveller at time of entry to Canada.</li> <li>• <b>A Permit to Import is not required.</b></li> <li>• <b>A Phytosanitary Certificate is not required except for plants produced in California or Oregon.</b> Additional declarations for <i>P. ramorum</i> are required for plants originating from regulated areas of California and Oregon (refer to D-01-01, Phytosanitary Requirements to Prevent the Entry of <i>P. ramorum</i>).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be fewer than 50 plants.</li> <li>• Plants must accompany traveller at time of entry to Canada</li> <li>• <b><u>Hawaii</u></b></li> <li>• <b>A Permit to Import is not required.</b></li> <li>• <b>A Phytosanitary Certificate is required</b> The plants must be bare-root and free of soil and growing medium and must not be associated with an un-manufactured forest product with the exception of cork bark.</li> <li>• <b><u>Other locations</u></b></li> <li>• The houseplant import provisions do not apply to plants originating from anywhere other than Hawaii and Cont. US. Please refer to requirements in the following sections.</li> </ul>

Commodity	Originating from the Continental US.	Originating from outside the Continental US (including Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all other countries)
Orchid plants - bare-root	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not</b> required.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• The plants must be bare-root and free of all soil and growing media. Depending on state of origin, additional declarations may be required to certify freedom from regulated pests.</li> <li>• From Florida, the following additional declaration is required: <i>"Material was grown in a county or area of a county that has been sampled and found to be free of the soybean cyst nematode (HETERODERA GLYCINES) based on negative results of an official survey."</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate of re-export <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• The plants must be bare-root and free of all soil and growing media. A copy of the original Phytosanitary Certificate must accompany the shipment with the following additional declarations (please note that other additional declarations may also be required depending on country of origin): <i>Material was grown in soil where the potato wart disease (SYNCHYTRIUM ENDOBIOTICUM) has not been recorded and where, based on official soil surveys or other precautionary practices, the potato cyst nematode (GLOBODERA ROSTOCHIENSIS and GLOBODERA PALLIDA) and the soybean cyst nematode (HETERODERA GLYCINES) are not known to occur.";</i> OR <i>"Potato wart disease (SYNCHYTRIUM ENDOBIOTICUM), potato cyst nematode (GLOBODERA ROSTOCHIENSIS and G. PALLIDA) and soybean cyst nematode (HETERODERA GLYCINES) are known not to occur in the country of origin of the plant material."</i></li> </ul>
Orchid plants - with soil or unapproved growing media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not</b> required</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is</b> required</li> <li>• Additional declarations are required to certify freedom from regulated soil pests, depending on state of origin.</li> <li>• From Florida, one of the following additional declarations is required: <i>"Material was grown in a medium that was treated prior to shipment in a manner and by approved methods which would ensure freedom from the soybean cyst nematode (HETERODERA GLYCINES).";</i> OR <i>"Material was grown in a county or area of a county that has been sampled and found to be free of the soybean cyst nematode (HETERODERA GLYCINES) based on negative results of an official survey."</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is refused</li> </ul>
Orchid plants - in soil-free growing media (excluding bark) originating from a facility pre-approved under the Canadian Growing Media Program (CGMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• The Phytosanitary Certificate must indicate the name and address of the production facility and must contain the following additional declaration: <i>"The material was produced in conformance with the Canadian Growing Media Program."</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate of re-export <b>is</b> required.</li> <li>• A copy of the original Phytosanitary Certificate must accompany the shipment with the following additional declaration: <i>"The material was produced in conformance with the Canadian Growing Media Program."</i></li> </ul>

Commodity	Originating from the Continental US.	Originating from outside the Continental US (including Hawaii, Puerto Rico and all other countries)
Orchid plants - Anchored to non-manufactured wood products (including bark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is required</b>.</li> <li>• Additional declarations are required certifying freedom from soybean cyst and Columbia root knot nematodes if these nematodes are present in the state where orchid plant was produced</li> <li>• Additional declarations may be required depending on the wood species, state of origin and treatment method.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is refused</li> </ul>
Tissue cultured plants (including seedlings grown in flasks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit Import permit <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is required</b></li> <li>• Must be free of soil, sand and related debris.</li> <li>• No additional declarations are required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit Import permit <b>is required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is required</b></li> <li>• Must be free of soil, sand and related debris.</li> <li>• No additional declarations are required.</li> </ul>
Cut flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b></li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris .</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b></li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris.</li> </ul>
Seeds	<p>For commercially packaged seeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b></li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris</li> </ul> <p>For non-commercially packaged seeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is required</b></li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris</li> </ul>	<p>For commercially packaged seeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b></li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris</li> </ul> <p>For non-commercially packaged seeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is required</b></li> <li>• Must be free of pests and soil, sand and related debris</li> </ul>
Bark Chips (alone, no plants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>may be required depending on the spp., state of origin and treatment method</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not</b> required for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All wood spp. except Elm (<i>Ulmus</i> spp.) from Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.</li> <li>• All wood spp. from Alaska, Florida, Nevada, and New Mexico.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is refused</li> </ul>
Peat moss (dried or treated), coconut fibre, rockwool, vermiculite alone, without plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must not have been used previously for plants or plant products.</li> <li>• Material must be clean and free of pests and soil.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Permit to Import <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• A Phytosanitary Certificate <b>is not required</b>.</li> <li>• Must not have been used previously for plants or plant products.</li> <li>• Material must be clean and free of pests and soil</li> </ul>
Soil (alone, without plants) Soil includes clay, silt, sand, compost, plant litter. Refer to D-95-26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is refused</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry is refused</li> </ul>