



NIGERIA AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE COORDINATING DIRECTOR
MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT



NAQS PROHIBITION LIST

The attention of the Coordinating Director and management of NAQS has been drawn to several complaints from some NAQS clients, that agricultural commodities they were bringing into Nigeria were confiscated or destroyed by our officers. They cited that there is no clear communication from NAQS regarding products that are permissible for import.

2. We wish to state that Import Prohibition List is a very dynamic subject, which changes regularly, depending on pests/diseases prevalence, trade and other considerations. Nonetheless, for the avoidance of doubt and the need to guide our clients and the general public, we hereby now publish hereunder, agro-commodities and items that are currently prohibited from entering the Nigeria:

- Cassava cuttings
- Soil
- Biocontrol Agents
- Genetically Modified Organisms
- Fresh meat/ Carcass
- Frozen poultry
- Poultry eggs

- Poisonous fish of the following families: *Tetradontidea*, *Molidae*, *Diodontidae* and *Cantigasteridae*
- Fish containing biotoxins
- Radioactive fish or their product

3. For export, clients are to please note that countries reserve the right to prohibit some items, based on their interests, and inform quarantine authorities of partnering countries accordingly. Example is the recent ban earlier this year by the Sudanese government on some agro-commodities. Therefore, the rule of thumb remains to contact NAQS for guidance **preparatory to** import or export of any agricultural commodity.

3. NAQS exists to serve Nigeria and Nigerians whilst abiding by international norms and conventions to which we, as a nation, are signatory. Therefore, any client who is dissatisfied with services rendered at any of our stations should please not hesitate to mail their complaints or enquiries via: contact@naqs.gov.ng or call 0807 777 8943, 0809 133 3385.



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