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MEDIA RELEASE

*Plant Quarantine Services commences
Electronic Issuance of approved Plant Import Permits*

12th May, 2020: The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MALF) wishes to advise the national community that effective Friday 8th May, 2020, its Plant Quarantine Service (PQS) Unit will be processing and transmitting all approved Plant Import Permits to its clients electronically. This measure is in line with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago's national guidelines issued to safeguard the health and safety of the nation's citizenry in respect of the global COVID-19 pandemic. While this process would enable business continuity in the current environment, it is widely expected to remain in effect beyond the pandemic.

In this regard, the trading community is asked to be mindful of the following:

- (i) Import Permit Applications will be processed via the Ministry of Trade and Industry's TTBizLink Platform (www.ttbizlink.gov.tt);
- (ii) Digitally Stamped and Signed Approved Plant Import Permits will be e-mailed to the applicants directly. As such, there will be no collection of Plant Import Permits at PQS, Centeno. Persons are therefore reminded to check regularly with the TTBizLink system for updates on the status of their application which will be processed within three (3) working days.

For further information please contact the Plant Quarantine Services (PQS) Unit via any of the following-
Telephone: 642-0718, 397-4495 or 280-7938; or email: plantquarantine.centeno@fp.gov.tt.

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