#### U.S. Customs and Border Protection









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#### **Our Mission**

We are the guardians of our Nation's borders.

We are America's frontline.

We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

We steadfastly enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our nation's

economic security through lawful international trade and travel.

We serve the American public with vigilance, integrity and professionalism.

#### **United States Agriculture**

- According to the United States
   Department of Agriculture (USDA),
   agriculture is the largest industry and
   employment sector in the U.S. with
   more than \$1 trillion in annual
   economic activity (USDA Economic
   Research Service, February 2014)
- The greatest risk to the success of this industry are exotic pests and foreign animal diseases. Invasive species have caused \$138 billion annually in economic and environmental losses in the U.S. (USDA Wildlife Services: Economic and Ecological Impacts of Invasive Species, 2000)
- Each day, CBP helps to prevent the intentional and unintentional introduction of potentially harmful plant pests and foreign animal diseases into the U.S. at more than 300 ports.

#### FY 2016 Agriculture Statistics

- 23,200,264 passenger inspections
- 740,992 cargo inspections
- Quarantine Material Interceptions
  - 12,656 animal by-products
  - 433,319 meat products
  - 1,326,397 plant material/soil
- Pest interceptions
  - 152,850 submitted
  - 61,873 identified reportable

Data Source: Agriculture Quarantine Activity System



### Grower Decides to Ship the Product to the U.S. by Air/Sea





#### What is needed by CBP?

#### Cargo Documents

- Manifest
- Air waybills and shipping papers
- Foreign Site Certificate of Inspection and/or Treatment (PPQ 203), if applicable
- Customs Entry Form 3461
- Foreign Phytosanitary Certificates
- Invoices (obtained from importer or broker)
- APHIS permits
- Packing lists

- Notices of Arrival
- Other Permits (PPQ, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES), Endangered Species Act (ESA)

**Note:** Import Requirements are subject to change.

For additional information visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\_export/pla nts/manuals/ports/index.shtml



#### **Import Permit Requirements**

#### **USDA PPQ**

- Regulates the importation of plants and plant products under the authority of the Plant Protection Act.
- Issues Transit Permits in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations <u>Title 7, CFR Part 352</u>

#### **Import Permits**

• Required for the importation into the U.S. and transit through the U.S. of regulated plants and plant products.

#### **Transit Permits**

- Required in advance of arrival for the unloading, landing or other movement of plants, plant products, or soil
  in cargo through the United States.
- Two types:
  - Transportation and exportations (T&E)
  - Immediate exports (IE).
- Contact Permit Services: Telephone (301) 734-0841 or (877) 770-5990 (Toll-Free Automated System);
   Fax (301) 734-4300; Email: Permits@aphis.usda.gov



#### **USDA-APHIS E-Permits**

- Is a web-based tool that gives customers the ability to apply for a permit, check its status, and view it online.
- E-Permit customers can apply for the following:
  - PPQ Application for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products
  - Veterinary Services (VS) Applications for Permits
  - Biotechnology Notifications
  - VS Notification of On-Hold Shipment and
  - Other PPQ applications for permit
- E-Permits users are required to complete a registration process called e-Authentication.

For more information about USDA's e-Authentication: <a href="www.eauth.egov.usda.gov">www.eauth.egov.usda.gov</a>
For more information on E-Permits: <a href="www.aphis.usda.gov/permits">www.aphis.usda.gov/permits</a>



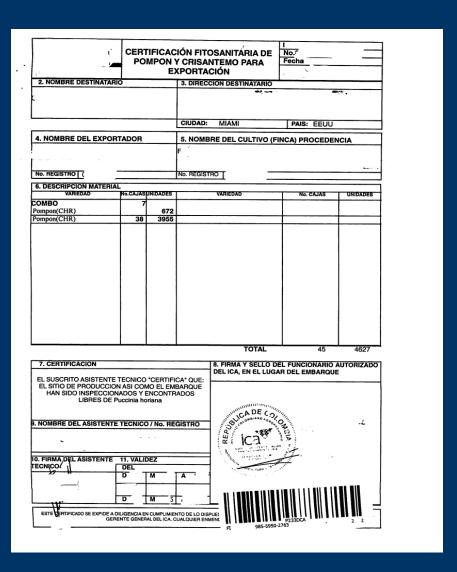
### Fruits and Vegetables Approved Entry from Peru

- The list of fruits and vegetables that have been approved for entry into the United States from Peru is available in
- USDA Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements Database:
- https://www.aphis.usda.gov/favir/



#### **Phytosanitary Certificates**

- Is issued by the foreign plant protection organization (exporting country).
- Is a statement of fact (certifies the inspection) attesting to freedom from pests and admissibility into the destination country.
- Can be valid and accurate, yet still be insufficient to meet conditions of entry.
- Even when plants or plant products are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate, CBP inspects the importations to confirm admissibility.

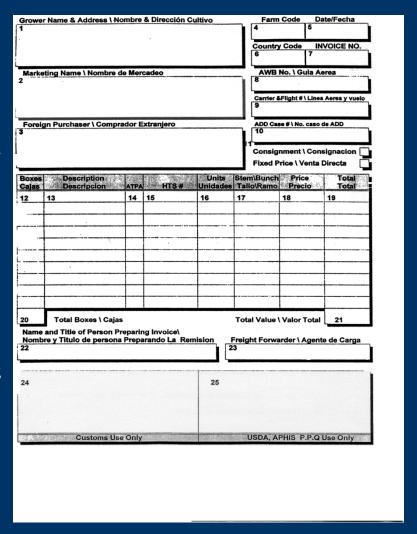




#### **Invoices**

#### Detailed description of the merchandise:

- Name by which each item is known;
- The grade or quality;
- The marks, numbers and symbols under which sold and packaged;
- Quantities in appropriate weights and measures being imported;
- Purchase price of each item in the currency of the purchase;
- All charges itemized by name and amount;
- All discounts, commissions and rebates; and
- Country of origin





#### Freight Forwarder Provides Cargo Documents to Airline/Sea Carrier at Country of Origin





#### Airline/Sea Carrier Receives Product at Country of Origin





#### Aircraft/Vessel Departs to Philadelphia International Airport or Port of Philadelphia





# Airline/Sea Carrier Transmits Entry Documentation through CBP Automated Commercial Environment (ACE)

Electronic manifest transmission through ACE for CBP review





## CBP Reviews Automated Manifest and Holds Cargo of Agricultural Interest



## Flight/Vessel Arrives to PHL or Port of Philadelphia





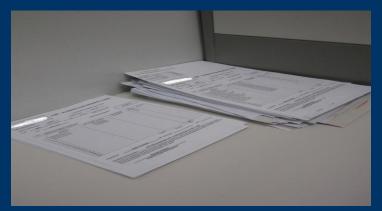


#### Airline/Sea Carrier Unloads Cargo











### **Broker Reviews and Prepares Required Entry Documentation**

- File entry documents for goods with CBP at the POE.
- Must be filed within 15 calendar days of arrival at U.S. POE.
- Entry for consumption
  - Must be filed and estimated duties deposited at the port with an entry/entry summary within 10 working days of the goods' entry into the commerce.

- Must be accompanied by evidence that a bond has been posted with CBP.
- In the event that a customs broker is employed, the broker may permit the use of his bond to provide the required coverage.
- Following presentation of the entry, the shipment may be examined, or examination may be waived by CBP.
- For additional information : www.cbp.gov

## Broker Makes Arrangements With Airline/Sea Carrier/Pier to Set Up CBP Agriculture Inspection







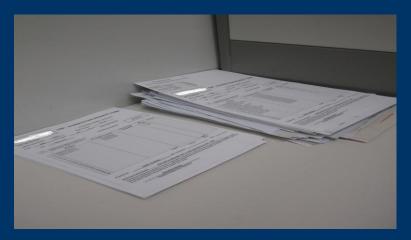




### Broker Presents Cargo Documents and airline/pier presents sample to CBPAS









### CBP Agriculture Specialist (CBPAS) Initiates Inspection

- Cargo Documents Review
- Verify Import Requirements
- Address Discrepancies





#### Sample Size

 Is how many boxes you should open and examine from each inspectional unit.

- Standard Sample is 2 percent.
- CBP verifies samples for inspection and may request additional samples, if needed.





#### **CBPAS** Addresses Discrepancies

- Inspection Area
- Documentation
  - Box Labeling
  - Invoices
    - Missing Invoice
    - Discrepancy on Box content, piece count, commodity name
    - Air Way Bill not available
    - Lack of Phytosanitary Certificates and Certificate of Origin
    - Lack of USDA Import Permits
- Sample not presented for inspection
- Appointment was made and samples are not ready for the inspection



### Airline/Pier Places Opened Boxes In Front of CBP Agriculture Specialist





#### **CBPAS Physical Inspection**







 CBPAS releases shipment in CBP Automated System.







- Broker files entry with CBP.
- CBP process entry.
- Airline/shipping line releases product.
- Product can be picked up at Airlines
   Warehouse/Terminal Operator.







- CBPAS prepares specimens for identification, assigns a Pest ID Port Reference Number.
- CBPAS communicates to airline/pier that a pest was found and the shipment will remain on hold until an identification is determined by USDA



 Airline/pier segregate infested boxes to minimize the risk of pest dissemination.





Pest vial and cargo documents pertaining to the shipment are taken to the CBP Agriculture Office.







- Pest Interception Notice is completed and submitted in USDA Database for each pest intercepted or host.
- Pest interception is delivered to the USDA Identifier by bonded carrier set up by airline/pier/broker/importer



#### **USDA**

 USDA entomologists/plant pathologists identify interceptions and determine action to be taken.

Entomologists located in Philadelphia

Plant pathologists located in Linden, NJ



#### If Plant Pest is Non-Actionable

- CBPAS releases shipment in CBP Automated System.
- Broker files entry with CBP Cargo Clearance Center.

- CBP process entry.
- Airline/Shipping line releases product.
- Product can be picked up at Airlines Warehouse/Terminal Operator.



#### If Plant Pest or Disease is Actionable

 CBP Agriculture Office will notify trade community of pest identification results via email with Emergency Action Notification along with action to be taken.







#### **Emergency Action Notification**

- CBPAS consults with USDA to decide the regulatory action.
- CBPAS completes Emergency Action Notification (EAN) (PPQ Form 523) and provide the importer or broker with the following options:
  - Treat the inspectional unit under USDA monitoring
  - Destroy the contaminated shipment under CBP supervision at the owner's expense
  - Reexport the inspectional unit under proper safeguarding measures
  - Note: not all options are available for every situation



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## If Plant Pest or Disease is Actionable and Broker/Importer Chooses Treatment as Remedial Action

- Cargo <u>must</u> be safeguarded to a USDA approved treatment facility.
- Currently, most piers that receive perishables are certified by USDA as fumigation facilities.





### If Plant Pest or Disease is Actionable and Broker/Importer Chooses Reexportation as Remedial Action

- Cargo commodities that are required to be returned to the country of origin must be safeguarded.
- Broker makes arrangements with airline/shipping line to re-export cargo to the country of origin.
- Broker coordinates with the CBP Agriculture.





## If Plant Pest or Disease is Actionable and Broker/Importer Chooses Destruction as Remedial Action

- In those instances where a treatment is not available or the condition of the cargo is not suitable to be re-exported, a Destruction will be the final action to mitigate the pest risk.
- Cargo that will be destroyed must be safeguarded and placed inside an approved international waste container, closed truck or van, sealed with a CBP strap seal and taken to an USDA approved facility for destruction.
- Arrangements are made by the broker or responsible party with the USDA approved facility and in coordination with the CBP Agriculture.



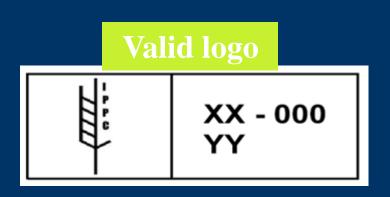
## Peruvian Exports to Philadelphia

- Common Perishables
  - Citrus
  - Avocado
  - Banana
  - Onion
  - Blueberry
  - Grape

- Common actionable interceptions (Family)
  - Rutelinae (Scarab beetle)
  - Tenebrionidae (Darkling beetle)
  - Gryllidae (Cricket)



#### **Compliant WPM**





- No presence of WPM pests
- No indication of WPM pests





#### Non-Compliant WPM



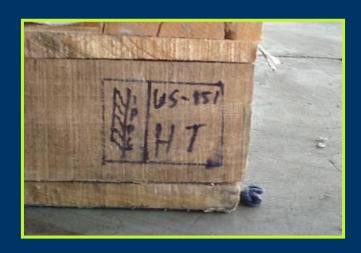


Inappropriately marked WPM



#### Non-Compliant WPM





Inappropriately marked WPM



#### Non-Compliant WPM

Infested with or shows evidence of pests





### Examples of Carrier Conveyance Contamination

**Federal Noxious Weed Seeds** 







#### Federal Noxious Weed Seeds

**Crate and Vehicle Contaminated with Federal Noxious Weed Seeds** 







# U.S. Customs and Border Protection Thank you!

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