

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
AREA PORT OF DENVER, CO
TRADE BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Clearance of Agriculture-Regulated Shipments

This trade bulletin clarifies the current procedures for all arrivals of Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Inspections (CBP-AI) regulated products including but not limited to fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, meats, and hunting trophies.

If an importer is planning more than one importation of plants or plant products, then the importer is required to obtain a general import permit before importing. Additional permits may be required depending on the commodity. Please refer to the USDA website (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppg>) or call the local CBP office at (303) 342-8400 for further information on permit requirements.

After receiving the permit, the importer is responsible for permit requirements, meeting commodity restrictions, and conditions of entry, such as required treatments or designated ports of entry. Monetary penalties can be assessed for violations of permit requirements or importation of prohibited items (7U.S.C.163).

At the time of arrival, CBP-AI must receive a notice of arrival. This will serve the purpose of allowing CBP-AI to determine cargo entry requirements and provide a location for inspection. All regulated plants and plant products require inspection before being cleared for entry (7CFR§319.56-5(a)).

The notice of arrival must include the following items:

- USDA permit number
- Kinds of fruits, vegetables, etc. including scientific name
- Quantity (in kgs. or stem count if flowers) and number of boxes
- The country where the plant products were grown
- Date of arrival
- Name of vessel or airline
- Name and phone number of the warehouse where the shipment will be available for inspection
- And the name and number of the importer or broker (7CFR§319.56-5(A))


Please see attached sample form.

"Permits may be revoked and other permits refused if the permittee or his agent fails to submit the notice of arrival, or gives false notice, or in any other way violates the quarantine".
(7CFR§319.56-5(b))

If prohibited products or pests are found at the time of inspection, the importer is required to re-export, destroy, apply treatment, or recondition the product at the officers' discretion. If the importer chooses to destroy the commodity, it must be destroyed in an approved manner by an approved establishment. The officer will prescribe the appropriate method of destruction for the refused commodities. (7CFR§319.56-6(e))

"The owner of imported fruits and vegetables is responsible for all costs of inspection, treatment, movement, storage, or destruction..." CBP will only be responsible for the cost of providing an inspector during regularly scheduled hours. (7CFR§319.56-6(f))"

For more information please contact CBP AQI Specialist George Mohar at (303) 342-8400.


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CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AREA PORT OF DENVER ISSUANCE SYSTEM

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Notice of Arrival

AWB# _____
Import Permit # _____
Date of Arrival _____
Flight/Voyage # _____

Custom's Entry # _____
Is overtime inspection authorized if
necessary? ___ yes ___ no
Container # _____

Commodity <small>Common and/or Scientific name</small>	Quantity # of Boxes or Stems	Weight (kgs)	Country of Origin

Name and Address of Broker/Importer

Contact Person _____
Phone Number _____

Name and Address of Cargo Facility
Where cargo will be made available for
inspection.

Contact Person _____
Phone Number _____