



The USDA Market Access Process for Plants and Plant Products

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APHIS mission: *To protect the health and value of American agriculture and natural resources.*



Plant Protection and Quarantine



We safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests and facilitate the safe trade of agricultural products.

PPQ Phytosanitary Issues Management

U.S. National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO)

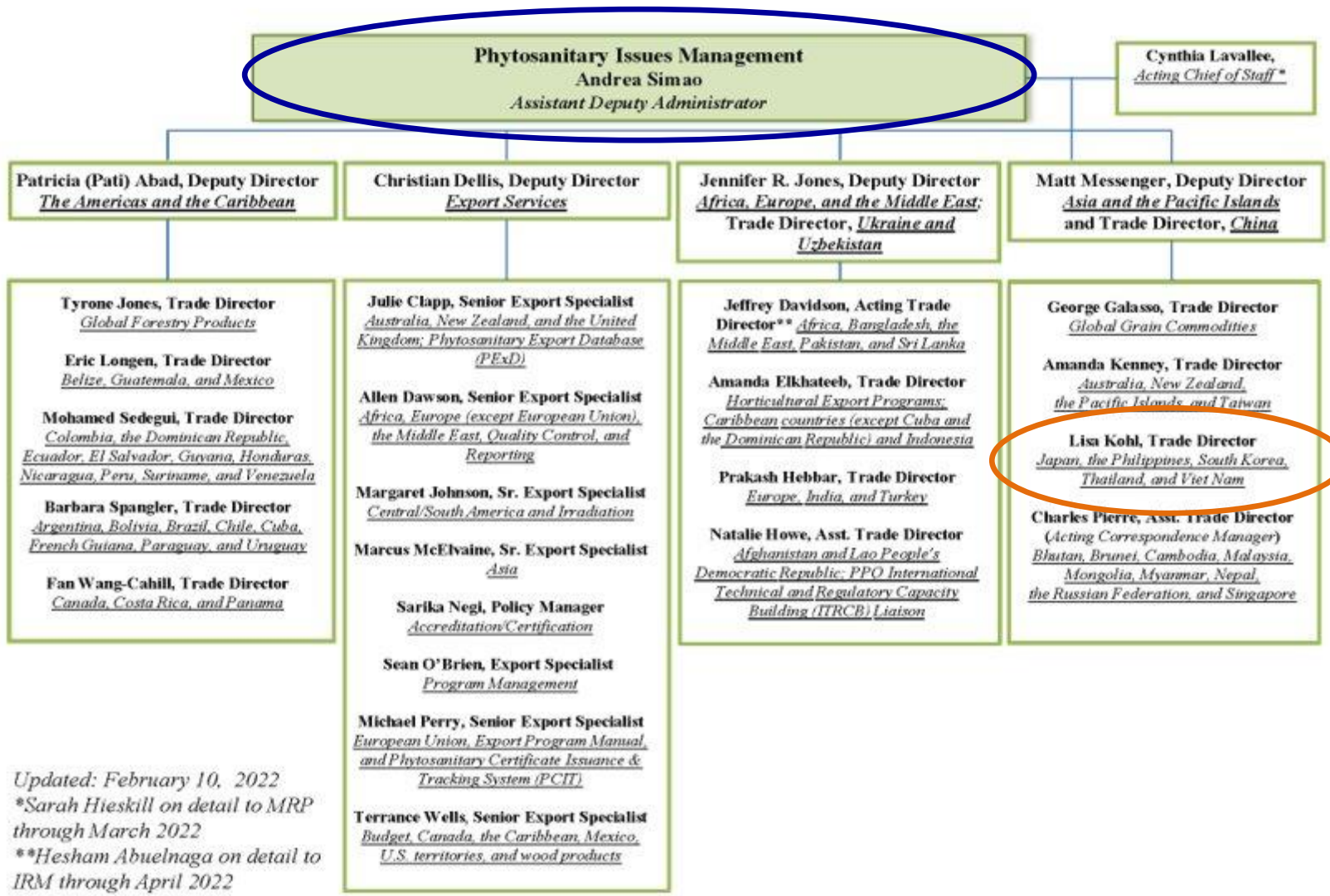
Resolve import/export phytosanitary issues for plants/plant products

Trade focuses on

- New market access
- Market retention
- Market expansion



Bilateral plant health meetings and international standard setting



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 *Sarah Hieskill on detail to MRP through March 2022
 **Hesham Abuelnaga on detail to IRM through April 2022

Market Access Request for commodities not currently allowed into the USA

If the commodity you want to import into the United States is not currently approved for importation (see FAVIR), the exporting NPPO must submit to APHIS PPQ the information listed in 7 CFR 319.5(d):

- commodity
- intended use
- growing conditions
- shipping methods
- pest lists
- possible risk mitigations



Requesting Market Access for Plant Products



National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) provides an official request to PIM for new or expanded market access

Must include all required technical information

Delivered through local APHIS International Services staff in the region

Risk Analysis



USDA APHIS reviews information and then conducts a draft pest risk assessment (PRA).

Stakeholder consultation and comment period for 30 days

Trading partner reviews PRA and provides comments

Risk Management



USDA APHIS proposes mitigation measures for quarantine pests that follow the pathway.



APHIS provides scientific justification for treatments

Trading partner may propose alternative, equivalent measures

Phytosanitary Treatment Examples

- Cold Treatment
 - Refrigeration
 - Freezing



- Chemical Treatment
 - Methyl Bromide
 - Phosphine



- Heat Treatments
 - Hot Air, Hot Water
 - Steam



- Irradiation
 - Gaining popularity



Regulatory Process – Initial Notice

APHIS publishes an **initial notice** in the *Federal Register* listing entry requirements for commodity



Stakeholder comment period (60 days)

APHIS will review comments received and determine if the PRA or proposed import requirements need to be revised

Regulatory Process - Final Notice

APHIS publishes the **final notice** in the *Federal Register* listing entry requirements for commodity



APHIS may also require bilaterally-signed operation work plan

Requirements will be listed in FAVIR or APHIS plants for planting manual.



Fruit and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR)

<https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/manual/>

Country/Region: Approved Name:

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Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR)

Welcome to the APHIS Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR) Database. This online reference allows easy access to regulations and information for fruits and vegetables into the United States, its territories, and possessions. Collectively, these regulations are commonly referred to as Quarantine 56, or Q56. A permit for the importation of fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables can be obtained by going to the following website: [Fruit and Vegetable Import Permit](#).

All Countries List: The All Countries List is a Country Summary Report of commodities approved for import from any country.

A flag (🚫) indicates information that is intended for and available to an APHIS/CBP audience only.

Important Alerts:

Short Description
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Change Type	Description
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Date: Aug 13, 2018

Country Summary: Approved Commodities
Thailand

CIR	Commodity	Plant Part	Port(s) of Entry
OPEN CIR	Aloe	Above-ground parts	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Amaranth	Above-ground parts	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Asparagus	Spear	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Basil	Above-ground parts	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Bat Nut or Devil Pod	Fruit	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Cannonball Fruit	Fruit	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Carrot	Root	Guam and CNMI
OPEN CIR	Celery	Above-ground parts	Guam and CNMI
OPEN CIR	Chinese Water Chestnut	Tuber	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Dragon Fruit/Pitahaya/Pitaya	Fruit	Continental U.S. Ports
OPEN CIR	Durian	Fruit	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Edible Flowers	Inflorescence	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Eryngo	Leaf	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Galanga	Root	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Garlic	Dry bulb; Peeled cloves	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Ginger	Rhizome; Root	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Lettuce	Above-ground parts	Guam and CNMI
OPEN CIR	Lily	Bulb	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Litchi	Cluster of fruit; Fruit	All Ports EXCEPT Florida
OPEN CIR	Longan	Cluster of fruit; Fruit	All Ports EXCEPT Florida
OPEN CIR	Lotus Root	Seed pod	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Maguey	Leaf	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Mango	Fruit	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Mangosteen	Fruit	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Matsutake	Above-ground parts	All Ports
OPEN CIR	Mushroom	Above-ground parts	All Ports



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Commodity Import Report (CIR)

Rambutan (Fruit) from Thailand into All Ports

Import Requirements

1 **Admissible Plant Parts:** Fruit

2 **Admissible Ports:** All Ports

3 **Import Permit Required:** An Import Permit is required. To obtain a permit, go to [APHIS eFile](#).

4 **Subject to Inspection:** This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7 CFR 319.56-3](#).

5 **Commercial Consignments Only**

6 **Condition of Entry Treatment:** [T105-a-2 \(Irradiation\)](#) Irradiated in country of origin

6.1 **Preclearance Program: Mandatory Preclearance:** Consignments must be precleared. To validate foreign site preclearance inspection and/or treatment, precleared consignments must be accompanied by a **signed** PPQ Form 203.

6.2 **Phytosanitary Certificate:** Must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the country of origin.

6.3 **Packaging or Labeling Requirements:** Commodities irradiated in the country of origin must meet the following labeling and packaging requirements:

Boxes or cartons must be marked with:

- Production Unit Code (PUC)
- Treatment Facility Code (TFC)
- Packinghouse Code (PHC)
- Packing date
- Lot number
- A stamp with the words "Treated by irradiation" or "Treated with radiation"
- The international radura symbol

If the boxes or cartons are not palletized, they must also include:



Thank you!

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