Foreign Import of Fruits and Vegetables to Guam

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This factsheet briefly summarizes the steps in obtaining an import permit for importation of fruits and vegetables from foreign countries. Importing fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs must be intended for consumption and NOT for planting or growing. Only the approved plant part(s) of the fresh fruit, vegetable, and herb is allowed entry to Guam. It usually takes up to 30 days for a permit to be processed so it is recommended to apply for a permit at least a month before the desired import date. It is not necessary to apply for a permit every import of fruits or vegetables provided that all import requirements are met and the permit is unexpired.

On Guam, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) offers both manual and online processing of permits (ePermit system). Customers are encouraged to take advantage of the ePermits system, which is an electronic tool that issues permit, certificates, and other regulation-based verification. To use the system, a customer is required to sign up for an eAuthentication account as shown on the flowchart. Registered users can submit permit applications online, receive notifications of expirations, and can access options for renewal. The ePermits system helps expedite the entire process and enables users to track the status of applications.

Verify if the commodity is admissible by looking at the Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR) online database (https://tinyurl.com/5jmonw).

At the top of the screen, search for the fruit or vegetable by country or name.

Is the fruit or vegetable on the admissible list?

NO

Using the FAVIR User Guide, refer to Table 1 on page 2 for list of broader categories (https://tinyurl.com/h6pkkym).

YES

See back page for further steps.

The commodity may not be authorized entry to Guam.

Is the commodity on the admissible list?

NO

You may call 1-301-851-2046 or 1-877-770-5990, or send an email inquiry to PPQ.FAVIR.Comments@aphis.usda.gov to see if there is a way to bring the desired commodity to Guam.

YES

List all commodities to be imported:

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________
6. __________________________
7. __________________________
8. __________________________
9. __________________________
10. __________________________
Steps on How To Obtain a Federal Import Permit

By clicking Commodity Summary, click OPEN CIR (Commodity Import Requirement) for each item on your list (https://tinyurl.com/5jmonw).

Obtain a permit by first creating an eAuthentication account and register for a Level 2 access. Required information are: name, address, date of birth, user ID, email add., and answer the four security questions (https://tinyurl.com/jd9zwnt).

Activate your account immediately by clicking the link contained in the registration email you received from eAuthentication system. Once activated, wait 10-20 min. before logging into eAuthentication database.

If and when the import permit is received via ePermit system, check the “permit conditions.” USDA will include treatment instructions, as necessary, if the fruit or vegetable will require treatment to enter Guam.

Note: All imported fruits and vegetables must be free from pests, plant litter or debris, and free of any portions of plants that are specifically prohibited in the regulations (https://tinyurl.com/zyzdqhz).

Once registered, you can now use the ePermit system by logging into the eAuthentication database. Click Create/Renew/Amend Application then click Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ). Use PPQ Form 587 to apply for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products (https://tinyurl.com/zybldfw).

User identity will be validated by clicking online self-service (recommended) and provide SSN. If online verification fails, call the eAuthentication technician at (671) 300-8579 or visit USDA Service Center, Pacific Islands West Service Center, 770 East Sunset Blvd., Ste. 260, Barrigada, GU 96913. Bring at least one (1) form of picture ID to complete the registration process.

A copy of the Fruit and Vegetable Permit(s) should be included in each shipment to Guam.

For further inquiries about the application process for a federal Fruit and Vegetable Import Permit, call/email:
USDA APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine, MD 20737
Phone: (301) 851-2346 Email: PPQ.Favir.Comments@aphis.usda.gov
Hours: Monday-Friday (except holidays) 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET

Aside from the federal import permit, a local import permit is also required for each shipment to Guam.

Request for a Local Import Permit at:
Guam Department of Agriculture
Biosecurity Division, 17-3306 Neptune Ave., Barrigada, GU 96913
Hours: Monday-Friday (except holidays) 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Options:
• walk in
call in at (671) 475-1427
• fax at (671) 477-9487. Faxes must be followed by phone call for verification of receipt.

Fill out the application form completely. The processing time for permit request is approximately four (4) hours.

Pay the exact amount of $10 by cash, personal check (on-island checks only), or company check.

Pick up the document the next day. Pick-up hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Present any valid picture ID (Driver’s license, Passport, Guam ID, or Company ID). If other than importer/consignee, an authorization with picture ID is required. Company/business employee authorizations must be on letterheads.

NOTE: Local import permit is good for one (1) shipment only and valid for up to 30 calendar days after issuance.

Additional References:
FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions): https://tinyurl.com/j9qrtzf
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Manual: https://tinyurl.com/h6gtz6j