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Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements

Determining admissibility with the ACLR website

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Goals

- Understand the purpose and structure of ACIR
- Familiarity with query functions of ACIR
- Comprehension of regulatory decision-making materials



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APHIS Import Requirements Search Tool for Plant, and Agriculturally Related Products



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Plants for Planting and Propagation

Imported material of plants and vegetative parts that are for or capable of propagation, including buds, corms, cuttings, layers, pollen, scions, seeds, tissue, tubers, and like structures



Plants and Plant Products Not for Propagation

Fruits, vegetables, seeds, cut flowers, or handicrafts not for propagation, including products that are fresh, cooked, dried, cut, frozen, and other similar processed states



Wood Products and Byproducts

Logs, lumber, cross ties, firewood, wood chips, mulch, wood packaging material, cork and other similar articles



Pest Organisms

Fungi, Chromista, pest insects, other assorted plant pathogens, butterflies, and more



Other Items

Tools, materials, or machinery that can act as carriers for pests, including vehicles, containers, bags, packing materials, and other similar articles



Soil, Soil Amendments, and Rocks

Compost, manure, rock, sand, soil, and other similar articles



Treatments

Phytosanitary treatments for quarantine-significant plant pests on imported and domestic commodities



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Plants for Planting Manual



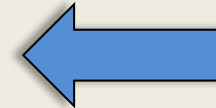
Seeds Not for Planting



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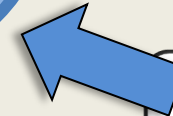
Miscellaneous and Processed Products Import Manual

Regulating the Importation of Miscellaneous and Processed Products Regulated by Plant Protection and Quarantine

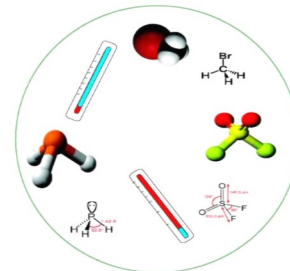


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Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Import Manual



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Treatment Manual



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Cut Flowers and Greenery Import Manual

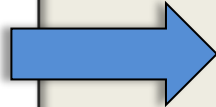


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Animal Product Manual



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No Import Permit Required

— Important Information

- 1 This document describes import requirements for dried fruit from the Rosales Order.
- 2 Commercially dried fruits are considered a sufficiently processed plant product. Reducing moisture content leaves the fruit pliable (with wrinkling appearance), and works to remove the risk of internal feeders.

— Import Requirements

- 1 No permit is required for this commodity. Letter of No Permit required is optional and may facilitate clearance of the commodity through the port of entry. To obtain a Letter of No Permit required go to [APHIS eFile](#).
- 2 This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7 CFR 319.56-3](#).



Import Permit Required

— Important Information

Certain plants and plant products developed using genetic engineering is regulated under 7 CFR part 340 and must be imported with a valid APHIS BRS-Permit. Please call (301) 851-3886 or email Biotechquery@usda.gov for more information.

— Import Requirements

- 1 An Import Permit is required. To obtain a permit, go to [APHIS eFile](#).
- 2 This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all requirements of [7 CFR 319.37-8](#).
- 3 All plants for planting **must** be accompanied by an original phytosanitary certificate issued **not** more than 15 days prior to shipment of regulated plants for planting from the country in which they were grown and **must be one of the following**:
 - Signed original (hardcopy on plain paper or security paper that is wet signed or digitally signed); **OR**
 - Scan of signed, original hardcopy uploaded to Customs and Border Protection's (CBP's) Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) using the Document Imaging System (DIS); **OR**
 - Electronic phytosanitary certificate created and shared through a participating country's ePhyto system (digital exchange).

The phytosanitary certificate must contain the following information, unless stated otherwise :

- Identify the genus;
- If individual species or cultivars within a genus have additional restrictions, then identify the species or cultivar;
- If there are **no** additional restrictions, then the species or cultivar is strongly preferred;
- If an intergeneric hybrid, then place the multiplication sign × before the name of the intergeneric hybrid;
- If an intraspecific hybrid, then place the multiplication sign × between the names of the parent taxa;
- Hybrids may be listed as hybrid, hybrida, hybridum, hybridus, or hybr.;
- If a hybrid plant is for propagation, then list the parent taxa if they are known;
- If a hybrid plant has NAPPRA parent(s) (one or both), then regulate as NAPPRA; and
- If the plant is budded, grafted, or otherwise contains interpolated plant parts, then identify all plant parts (e.g., interstem, rootstock, or scion) that belong to restricted taxa to the lowest regulated taxon (genus, species, cultivar).
- Certify the place of origin for all contents of the shipment;
- Certify the shipment has been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and is considered free from quarantine pests of the United States;
- Certify that the shipment conforms with the phytosanitary requirements of the United States and is considered eligible for importation pursuant to the laws and regulations of the United States.



Endangered species and CITES

Commodities :	Pachypodium <u>Common/Approved Name</u>	Port Groups:	CITES Ports with Plant Inspection Stations
Plant Part:	All Plant Parts Except Seeds		
Intended Use:	Plants for Planting		
Region:	Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) Free Countries		

Important Information

1 This document describes the import requirements for species of the genus *Pachypodium*, that are CITES II, #4 regulated plants, **EXCEPT for these specific CITES I species:**
For eFile users: please check to ensure that your desired plant species are NOT listed in this table.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pachypodium ambongense</i>• <i>Pachypodium baronii</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Pachypodium decaryi</i>• <i>Pachypodium windsorii</i> |
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2
CITES Plants: Permits and Certificates:

- If you are in the business of importing, exporting, or re-exporting CITES regulated plants and plant products, USDA regulation 7 CFR 355 requires that you possess a valid USDA Protected Plant Permit. Complete [PPQ Form 621](#). To obtain a permit go to [APHIS eFile](#)
- If you have questions regarding the application process for the Protected Plant Permit or PPQ form 621, please call (301) 851-2046 or Email: PPQCITESAPermits@usda.gov

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CITES II #4

Live plants, whole dead specimens, and all parts and derivatives are regulated except the following:
All parts and derivatives, except:

- a) seeds (including seedpods of Orchidaceae), spores and pollen (including pollinia). The exemption does not apply to seeds from Cactaceae spp. exported from Mexico, and to seeds from *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis* and *Dypsis decaryi* exported from Madagascar;
- b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro transported in sterile containers;

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No Market Access

— Import Requirements

This commodity **does not currently have market access** from the countries listed in this document. Therefore, IMPORT PERMITS **WILL NOT** BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME. The National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country must make a formal request, and APHIS must scientifically review the phytosanitary impact of the request, and solicit public comment before market access can be granted. Contact the NPPO at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>.



Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA)

Commodities :	Durio <u>Common/Approved Name</u>	Port Groups:	Ports with Plant Inspection Stations
Plant Part:	All Plant Parts Except Seeds		
Intended Use:	Plants for Planting		
Pest:	Phomopsis durioni <u>Common/Approved Name</u> <u>Synonym</u>	Region:	All Countries
Pest Group:			

Import Requirements

- 1
- Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) plant taxa are regulated for **all quarantine pests** that may pose plant pest risk.
1.

To request the import of any plant taxa on the NAPPRA list, the import request **must** be completed and a pest risk analysis **must** be completed. Importer must submit a request per the instructions included in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations: [7 CFR 319.5\(d\)](#).
2.

Upon receipt of an import request, APHIS will develop the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA).
3.

Based on the PRA results, APHIS will do **one** of the following:

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Remove the taxon from the NAPPRA list from the country or countries for which APHIS conducted the PRA, and then allow its importation subject to general requirements;

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Allow importation of the taxon subject to specific restrictions; or

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Continue to prohibit its importation.
- 2

To import plant taxa on the Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) list with a Controlled Import Permit (CIP)
Small quantities of NAPPRA plant material for experimental, therapeutic or developmental purposes may be imported under a controlled import permit (CIP), PPQ Form 588) .

1.

Apply for a PPQ Form 588, Controlled Import Permit. To obtain a permit, go to [APHIS eFile](#)

2.

If the permit is approved plant material may be imported under specific conditions that will include testing, containment, or other specified conditions listed on the permit.



No Imports Authorized

Alerts

No imports are authorized at this time.

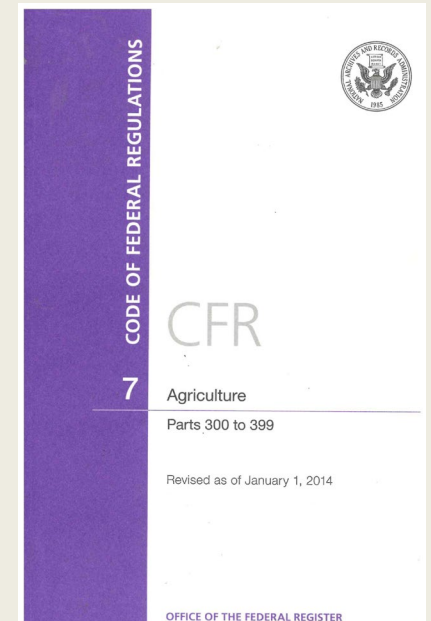
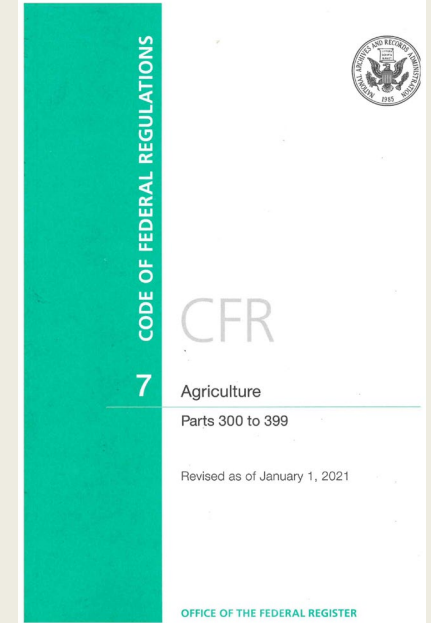
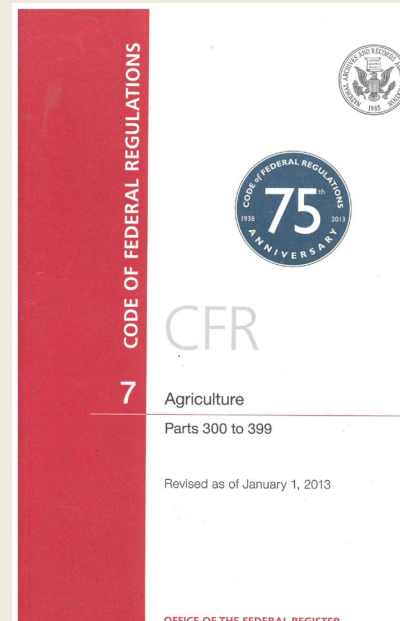
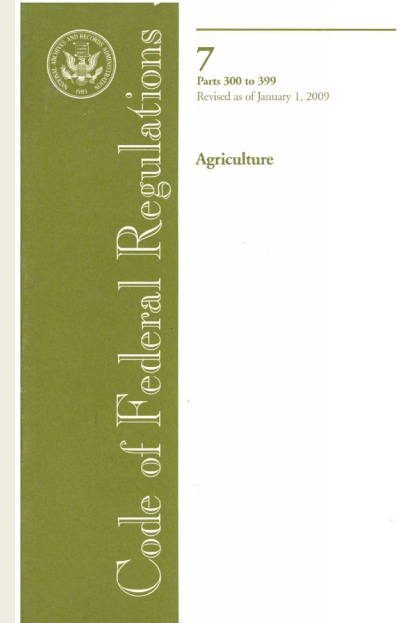
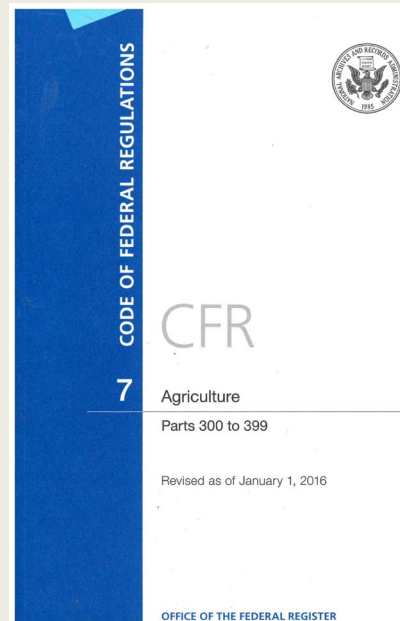
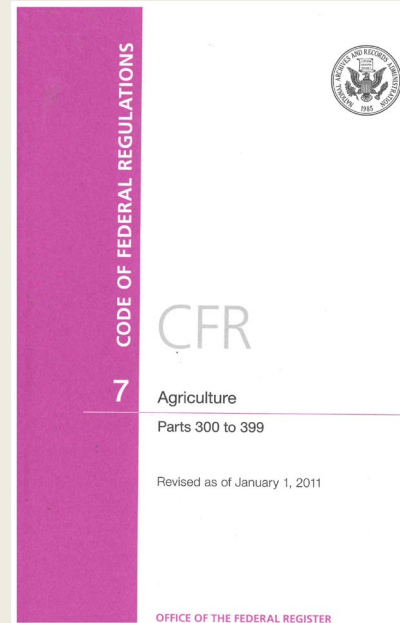
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Consignments of plants or seeds of seed commodity, intended for propagation, are not admissible under any PPQ 587 import pathway, including Plants for Propagation, Small Lots of Seed, or Obscured Seed. These commodities are restricted as Regulated Organisms from all countries. Therefore, PPQ 587 import permits will not be issued at this time. To import under Regulated Organism conditions please visit [eFile](#) and apply for a PPQ 526 permit.



Regulatory Powers

- Laws/Statutes
- Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)
- Manuals/ACIR
- State laws?





Limitations of ACIR

- No meat products
- Query results are products of research (ie. NAPPRA)
 - Exact scenario may not be represented
- Only applies to foreign imports to US states and territories



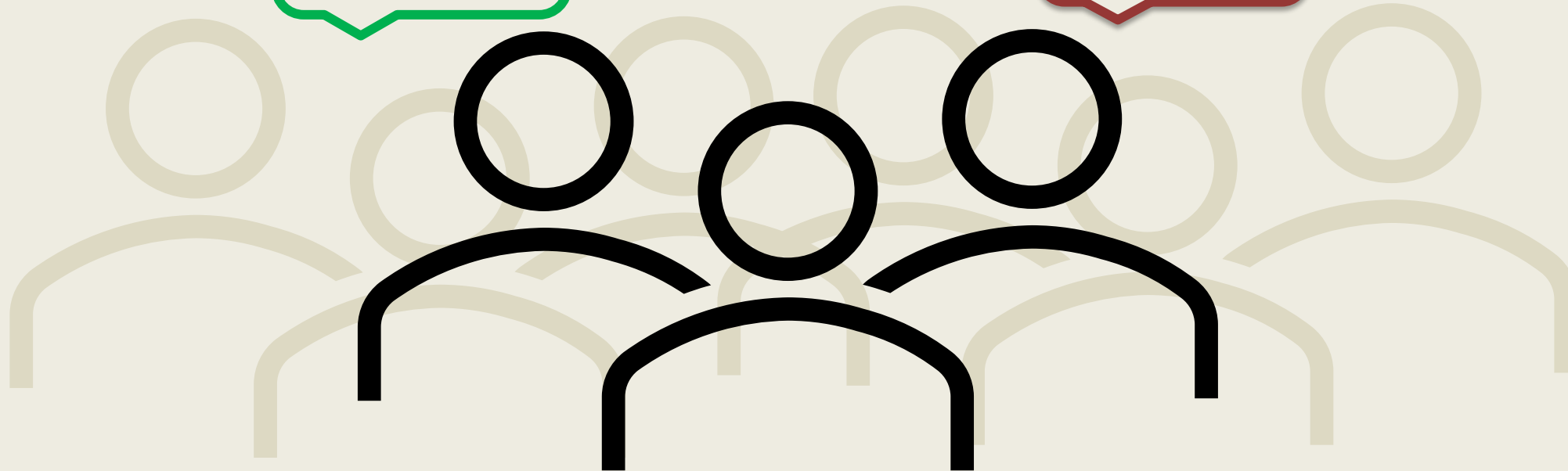
A pallet of
plywood from
Singapore?

Honeybees for
my apiary?

Do I need a permit
for Chinese
limestone?

Kava root
from Samoa?

Azolla sp. from
Japan?





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- **Plants for Planting Manual**

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/plants_for_planting.pdf

- **USDA VS Permitting Assistant**

<https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/s/vs-permitting-assistant>

- **USDA Manuals Webpage**

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/complete-list-of-electronic-manuals>