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Export Certification

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Overview

- **Export Inspection Background**
- **Phytosanitary Certificates**
- **Sequence of Events**
- **Intro to PCIT**

Export 101

- **The foreign country establishes criteria for allowing the commodity into their country**
- **International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures establish basic procedures**
- **USDA assures that ISPM's are followed in processes of training, inspection & documentation**

Export Inspection

- Assures that commodities meet phytosanitary standards of destination country
- Facilitates passage to foreign markets
- Logs, lumber, hay, grain, plants, seeds
- Requires official inspection and....
- Often an official document – the “phyto”



Phytosanitary certificates

- Certify commodity meets plant health criteria
- Internationally recognized official documents
- Issued by state inspectors w/ USDA training
- Identifies the commodity, origin, destination, exporter, consignee and inspection
- 3 basic types

Export Documents

- PPQ 577 Federal Phytosanitary Certificate
- PPQ 578 Processed Products Certificate
- PPQ 579 Federal Re-export Certificate

Supporting Documents

- Import Permits issued by destination country
- Laboratory test results
- Treatment records
- Federal Grain Inspection Service forms
- Growing season inspection reports

The Phyto – PPQ 577

- Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (FPC)
- Shipment must be exported within specified time period, usually 14 or 30 days
- May require supporting documentation
- Requires inspection of the commodity before shipment

Processed Products – PPQ 578

- Used for commodities with low pest risk
- Example – flour, cornmeal, plywood
- The destination country defines what qualifies as processed product

Re-export Certificate – PPQ 579

- Used for re-exporting a foreign-source commodity
- Commodity must be un-altered
- Requires basic inspection
- Requires original phyto from foreign country

Sequence of Events

- Exporter files application, then MDARD:
- researches export requirements & schedules the inspection
- inspects commodity per USDA policy
- conducts testing if needed
- verifies treatments if needed
- issues certificate



PCIT

- Phytosanitary Certification Issuance and Tracking System (PCIT)
- Online system developed by USDA
- Customer data is confidential
- No cost to set up account

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USDA Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) are responsible for safeguarding agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds.

PCIT system tracks the inspection of agricultural products and certifies compliance with plant health standards of importing countries. This capability provides APHIS/PPQ better security, reporting functions, and monitoring capabilities for exported commodities.

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Application for Phytosanitary Certificate

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- Certificate Type
- General**
- Export & Shipping
- Commodities
- Attachments
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Tracking #: 2853783
Certificate Type: PPQ Form 577

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General

Items marked * are required.

Applicant Name:

Please select an applicant for this certificate.

Applicant Address:

* Exporter Name: ?

Select

* Consignee Name: ?

Select

* Requested Issuing Duty Station:

Select

Reference Information: ?

Import Permit Number: ?

Note: Please use a comma to separate multiple import permit numbers.

Comments: ?



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Required fields are indicated with a red asterisk *

Account Holder Name: *

Payment Amount: *

Billing Address: *

Billing Address 2:

City:

State / Province: -----

Zip / Postal Code:

Country: United States

Card Type:



Card Number: * (Card number value should not contain spaces or dashes)

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