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
**Phytosanitary Certificate**

**TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF Canada**

This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing country, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

### Disinfection and/or Disinfection Treatment

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### Description of the Consignment

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER  
8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE

9. NAME AND QUANTITY DECLARED  
   9(a) 500 Each Buddleia (Plants)  
   9(b) 1500 Each Syringa patula (Plants)

10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS  
    10(a) Buddleia sp.  
    10(b) Hydrangea sp.  
    10(c) Syringa patula

11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES  
    11(a) 100 Cardboard or Wooden Cases  
    11(b) 120 Cardboard or Wooden Cases  
    11(c) 100 Cardboard or Wooden Cases

12. DISTRIBUTING MARKS  
    12(a) None

13. PLACE OF ORIGIN  
    13(a) Ottawa County, Michigan, USA  
    13(b) Ottawa County, Michigan, USA

14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE  
    Truck Line

15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY  
    Canada

**WARNING:** Any alteration, forgery, or unauthorized use of this phytosanitary certificate is subject to civil penalties of up to $250,000 (7 U.S.C. Section 7734(b)) or punishable by a fine of not more than $10,000, or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both (18 U.S.C. Section 1001).

**ADDITIONAL DECLARATION:**

"The material in this consignment is free from Lymantria dispar. Material was grown in a medium that was treated prior to shipment in a manner and by approved methods which would ensure freedom from the soybean cyst nematode Heterodera glycines."

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18. DATE ISSUED  
   February 06, 2010

17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
   Paul Gendron

16. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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No liability shall attach to the United States Department of Agriculture or to any officer or representative of the Department with respect to this certificate.
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
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.
Application for Phytosanitary Certificate

Tracking #: 2853783
Certificate Type: PPQ Form 577

General

Items marked * are required.

Applicant Name: Update

Applicant Address:

* Exporter Name:

* Consignee Name:

* Requested Issuing Duty Station:

Reference Information:

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

Comments:

Please select an applicant for this certificate.
Choose Option 2: Pay Via Plastic Card (PC) (ex: VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover)

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:**
- **Security Code:** [Help finding your security code]
- **Expiration Date:**

Select the "Continue with Plastic Card Payment" button to continue to the next step in the Plastic Card Payment Process.

[Continue with Plastic Card Payment] [Cancel]
Resources

- Mike Bryan – ph. # 517-241-2977 bryanm@michigan.gov
- MDARD web site - www.michigan.gov/mdard
- Tina McCay – USDA Export Certification Specialist for Michigan & Indiana 765-543-6218 tina.s.mccay@aphis.usda.gov