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**Title** Canadian Plant Protection Import Requirements for Fresh Citrus and Tropical Fruits

## **SUBJECT**

This directive provides the general policy for importation of fresh citrus and tropical fruits.

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**Review**

This directive will be reviewed every five years. The next review date for this directive is June 1, 2006. The contact for this directive Joanne Rousson. For further information or clarification, please contact the Horticulture Section.

**Endorsement**

Approved by:

<p>_____ Director Plant Health and Production Division</p>
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**Amendment Record**

Amendments to this directive will be dated and distributed as outlined in the distribution below.

**Distribution**

1. Directive mail list (Regions, PHRA, USDA)
2. Provincial Government, Industry (via Regions)
3. National Industry Organizations (determined by Author)
4. Internet

**Introduction**

The importation of fresh citrus and tropical fruit is not regulated by the Plant Health and Production Division of the CFIA because these fruits are not normally expected to harbour plant pests that can become established in Canada.

Scope	This directive is intended to outline the necessary requirements and inspection procedures for the importation of fresh citrus and tropical fruits. It is to be used by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and CFIA inspection staff, importers, as well as exporting countries.
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References	NAPPO Standard 978.008
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Department of the Secretary of State of Canada. *The Canadian Style: A Guide to Writing and Editing*. Toronto, 1993.

Definitions, Abbreviations and Acronyms

CFIA                      Canadian Food Inspection Agency

## **1. General Requirements**

### **1.1 Legislative Authority**

*The Plant Protection Act, s.c. 1990, c.22*

*The Plant Protection Regulations, SOR/95-212*

*Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fees Notice, Canada Gazette, Part 1 (05/13/2000)*

### **1.2 Fees**

The CFIA charges fees in accordance with the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fees Notice*. For information regarding fees associated with imported product, please contact the Import Service Centres (ISC) at the following phone numbers: Eastern ISC 1-877-493-0468; Central ISC 1-800-835-4486; Western ISC 1-888-732-6222. Anyone requiring other information regarding fees may contact any local CFIA office or visit our web site at [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca).

### **1.3 Commodities**

Fresh citrus and tropical fruits.

Examples of citrus or tropical fruits are avocados, bananas, coconuts, grapefruit, jackfruit, lemons, lichees, limes, longans, mangoes, oranges, papayas, and pineapples.

### **1.4 Regulated Areas**

All countries.

## **2. Specific Requirements**

### **2.1 Phytosanitary Import Requirements**

Citrus and tropical fruits are exempt from further Canadian phytosanitary import requirements as these fruits are not normally expected to harbour plant pests that could become established in Canada.

### **2.2 General Import Requirements**

Shipments must be free of pests, soil, sand, leaves and plant debris.

### **2.3 Required Documentation**

A Phytosanitary Certificate and a Permit to Import are not required.

### **2.4 Inspection Requirements**

These fruits may be subject to CFIA inspection on arrival at the first port of entry in Canada to determine whether the shipment meets Canadian import requirements. The cost of the inspection is the responsibility of the importer.

CFIA inspectors should:

1. Examine the packages for freedom from pests, soil, sand, leaves, and plant debris.
2. Take specimens of any pests found and submit them for identification, according to the instructions in the Plant Protection Import Inspection Manual.

## **3. Non-Compliance**

Shipments of citrus fruits may be refused entry, returned to origin or disposed of if they are found to be contaminated with soil (see also D-95-26), sand, leaves, or plant debris, or infested with any quarantine or regulated pest.

The importer is responsible for any and all costs relating to disposal, removal, rerouting or diversion to processing facilities or treatment, including costs incurred by the CFIA to monitor the action taken.

The Plant Health and Production Division of the CFIA will advise the National Plant Protection Organization of the country of origin of any quarantine pest interceptions or other non-compliance with import requirements.

**4. Other**

Other Canadian import requirements, which are in addition to those stated above, include:

- 1) chemical residue standards as established under the *Food and Drug Regulations*,
- 2) licensing and inspection requirements as established under the *Licensing and Arbitration Regulations* under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*,
- 3) regulatory inspection as established under the *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations* under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*, and
- 4) packaging and labelling requirements as established under the *Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act and Regulations*.

It is the importer's responsibility to know and satisfy these requirements.

Questions and requests for information on any requirements should be directed to local offices of CFIA.