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SUBJECT

This directive outlines the phytosanitary requirements for the importation of fresh apples from Brazil into Canada.

As with other fresh fruit importations from new sources, importation of fresh apples from Brazil is subject to a trial importation period. This trial period is required to verify the absence of quarantine pests through product inspection. The trial period will be concluded after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is satisfied that shipments of fresh apples can routinely meet Canadian requirements. This directive will be revised when the trial importation period is concluded or when changes are required.

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Review

This directive will be reviewed when the trial period is complete or as needs arise. The contact for this directive Joanne Rousson. For further information or clarification, please contact the Horticulture Section.

Endorsement

Approved by:

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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

This is an interim policy. The CFIA is presently conducting a comprehensive review of its import requirements for pears and apples from all countries.

Scope This directive is for the use of Canadian importers, CFIA inspectors, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, producers, exporters and the plant protection organization of Brazil. This directive outlines the import requirements for fresh apples from Brazil. It also outlines the treatment requirements for apples destined for British Columbia.

References Department of the Secretary of State of Canada. *The Canadian Style: A Guide to Writing and Editing*. Toronto, 1993.

1.0 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 Canadian Food Inspection Agency is charging 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 at the following phone numbers: Eastern Import Service Centre 1-877-493-0468; Central Import Service Centre 1-800-835-4486; Western Import Service Centre 1-888-732-6222. Anyone requiring other information regarding fees may contact any local Canadian Food Inspection Agency office.

2.0 Specific Requirements

2.1 Regulated Commodities

Fresh apple fruit - *Malus* spp.

2.2 Exempt Commodities

Dried, frozen or processed fruit.

2.3 Regulated Areas

Brazil

2.4 Regulated pests

Insects:

Grapholita molesta, Oriental Fruit Moth *

*** for shipments destined to the province of British Columbia only.**

There are no specific pests for other provinces of Canada. However, pests intercepted during inspection will be submitted for laboratory identification, and quarantine action will be taken if they are determined to be quarantine pests to Canada.

3.0 Import Requirements

3.1. Pre-shipment conditions:

Fresh apple from Brazil are currently prohibited entry to the province of British Columbia.

Brazil has chosen not to accept the Canadian treatment schedule for apples, to preclude the presence of Oriental fruit moth. Until the treatment issue is resolved, fresh apples originating in Brazil will not be permitted entry to British Columbia.

Apples destined for British Columbia must be treated for Oriental Fruit Moth according to the schedule found in Appendix 1.

There is no treatment required for Apples destined for all other provinces of Canada.

3.2 Permit to Import

A Permit to Import, issued under the *Plant Protection Regulations*, is required during the trial importation period.

3.3 Phytosanitary Certificate

A Phytosanitary Certificate is required. This document must be issued by the National Plant Protection Organization of Brazil within 14 days prior to shipment. The original Phytosanitary Certificate must accompany the apples to Canada.

3.4 Other Pests, Soil, Leaves and Debris

Shipments must be free of other visible pests and signs and symptoms of pests, soil, sand, leaves, and plant debris.

4.0 Inspection Requirements

Shipments will be subject to inspection and sampling on arrival to determine if pests are present. During the trial importation period, 100% of the apple shipments will be inspected. When a shipment is inspected, a random sample of 5% of the contents of the shipment will be taken and if pests are found, the shipment will be detained pending the results of pest identification. If pests are not found in the initial 5% sample, but there is evidence of pest activity, e.g. presence of frass, a further 5% sample may be randomly selected and examined.

CFIA inspectors should:

- 1) verify that all import conditions relative to documentation conform to the requirements specified under section 3, Import Requirements of this directive;
- 2) Examine shipment for pests, soil, leaves, and plant debris, according to the general instructions in the Plant Protection Import Inspection Manual for fresh fruit, section 4.02.04;
- 3) Take specimens if any pests are found, detain the shipment, and submit specimens for identification according to the instructions in the Plant Protection Import Inspection Manual, Section 4.02.04 and 4.11.
- 4) Forward Inspection reports to:

Horticulture Section
Plant Health Division
59 Camelot Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0Y9
Telephone: (613) 225-2342
Fax: (613) 228-6628

5.0 Non-Compliance

Shipments must meet all requirements when they reach first point of arrival in Canada.

Shipments found infested with pests will be held pending laboratory identification. Shipments will be refused entry and returned to origin or disposed of if they do not meet requirements or if they are found to be infested with any quarantine pests. If requested by the importer, and determined feasible by the inspector, such shipments may be rerouted to other destinations, or diverted to approved processing facilities, provided such a course of action does not cause unwarranted pest risk.

The Plant Health Division will advise Brazil of any interceptions and of non-compliance with any of the conditions outlined in this directive. The discovery of quarantine pests during inspection in Canada or any other non-compliance may result in suspension of the importation program until remedial action is taken at origin.

The importer is responsible for any and all costs relating to inspection, disposal, removal, rerouting or diversion to processing facilities.

6.0 Other

Trial Importations

The trial importation period is required in order to evaluate the ability of the exporting country to meet requirements under varying conditions over a period of time.

During the trial importation period, The National Plant Protection Organization of Brazil must send a copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate by facsimile to a CFIA regional office where the port of arrival is located (e.g. if the port of arrival is Toronto, the copy should be sent to the regional office located in Guelph, Ontario) as least three(3) days prior to the arrival of the shipment in Canada. The original Phytosanitary Certificate must be presented at the time of import and is required for release.

All documentation related to shipments must be routed through one of the 3 Canadian Import Service Centres for release. Upon release, the Import Service Centre will immediately notify the inland office of the arrival of the shipment.

The trial period will be concluded after the CFIA is satisfied shipments of apples from Brazil can routinely meet the CFIA's requirements. A minimum of two years (seasons), and 8 shipments, in total, is required. The exact length of time of the trial period will depend on the number of shipments received, and the degree of compliance.

7.0 Other Canadian Import Requirements

Other Canadian import requirements, which are in addition to those stated above, are outlined in separate Acts and Regulations. These Acts and Regulations include but are not limited to :

- 1) *Food and Drug Regulations,*
- 2) *Licensing and Arbitration Regulations* under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act,*
- 3) *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations* under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act,* and
- 4) *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 the CFIA.

8.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Treatment required for apple fruit from Brazil

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Treatment required for apple fruit from Brazil

Cold treatment at or below 1.1 °C for 40 days, followed by fumigation with methyl bromide according to schedule A or B below.

Schedule A:

Temperature	Dosage Rate Methyl Bromide	Minimum Concentration Reading At:	
		0.5 hr	2 hrs
°C	g/m ³	g	g
10 or above	48	44	36

Exposure for two hours is required at normal atmospheric pressure in a fumigation chamber or under tarpaulin (plastic field bins; maximum load factor 50 percent or less).

Schedule B:

Temperature	Dosage Rate Methyl Bromide	Minimum Concentration Reading At:	
		0.5 hr	2 hrs
°C	g/m ³	g	g
15 or above	38	35	29

Exposure for two hours is required at normal atmospheric pressure in a fumigation chamber or under tarpaulin (cardboard cartons only; maximum load factor 40 percent or less).