USDA- APHIS-PPQ
Export Certification System

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Introduction to the United States Export System

- USDA Export Services authority, structure, process
- Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking (PCIT)
- Phytosanitary Export Database (PExD)
- PCIT eCert development
Authorities/ Standards

• USDA Authority is provided in Section 418, Certification of Exports, of the Plant Protection Act. 7 CFR Part 353 and 354

• 34 International Standards (ISPMs)
  ISPM 7 – National system
  ISPM 12 – Phytosanitary Certificates

• 35 Regional Standards (RSPMs)
  RSPM 8 – Authority of individuals to issue phytosanitary certificates
Export Certification Structure

**USDA**

**EXPORT SERVICES**
6 Staff

**USDA**
National Operations Managers
2 Staff

**USDA**
Export Certification Specialists (ECS)
28 staff

**State Certifying**
Authorized Certifying Officials Nationwide
(1053)

**USDA Certifying**
Authorized Certifying Officials
Nationwide
(818)

**California County**
Authorized Certifying Officials
(824)

**US Export Organizations**
(+24000)
Export Services Headquarters Staff

- Located in Riverdale, Maryland
- Part of APHIS – PPQ - Plant Health Programs
- Establish policy and procedure
- Analyze, interpret, and maintain foreign phytosanitary requirements for over 200 countries (PExD)
- Facilitate trace backs and held shipments
- Develop ACO initial and reaccreditation training
- Collaborate with industry to develop export operational work plans
- Maintain Notices of Non Compliance
- Provide guidance on phytosanitary certification
- PCIT/PExD database maintenance and development
- Financial Management of User Fees for cooperators and users
Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance and Tracking (PCIT)

**Notice**: All APHIS systems use the USDA eAuthentication security portal for application access. If you have problems logging in, you must call the APHIS eAuthentication Help Desk at 1-800-794-2827 for assistance.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is 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.

The APHIS Application Access page is used to log into the following systems:

**Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)**
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.

**Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS)**
VEHCS system facilitates creation and endorsement of animal health certificates for export. It helps APHIS/VS to certify compliance with importing countries requirements, and to automate tracking and reporting of exported animal and animal products.

https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/
What is PCIT?

- Web based certification system
- Trains and Tracks our certifying officials
- On-Line payment collection mechanism
- State and Federal phytosanitary certificates
- Standardized process rules and robust reporting
- Rapid auditing tool for entire export program or special programs
- Facilitation of trace backs and held shipments
- Increased Market Access
- US Government (Congressional) Inquiries
- Authenticates/Validates US certificates via the PCIT Certificate viewer
PCIT Facts

- Operational since 2005

- Over 29,000 registered users worldwide

- Currently produces State Phytosanitary Certificates for 26 US States

- 3 million certificates generated – 670,000 issued in 2014

- Collection and remittance of fees including 31 US States and 27 US counties totaling $107,212,712.63

- Responsible for on-line training of 3,331 certifying officials

- Modular, PCIT platform is used for other systems PExD, VEHCS, etc.
TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF Antarctica

DATE INSPECTED: March 24, 2011

CERTIFICATION
This is to certify that the plants, plant products 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 contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

DELIVERY AND/or DISINFECTION TREATMENT

1. DATE
2. TREATMENT
3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)
4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE
5. CONCENTRATION
6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER
   U.S. Exporter Inc.
   4700 River Road
   Riverdale, Maryland 21044

8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE
   Antarctica Importer Inc.
   McMurdo Station - RPS
   PSC 999 Box 7245
   APO AP 96599-1035 Antarctica

9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED
   (1) 200 Boxes Lettuce (Vegetables)
10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS
    (1) Lactuca sativa

11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES
    (1) 4 Air Freight Containers
12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS
    (1) Iceberg Brand Lettuce

13. PLACE OF ORIGIN
    (1) California, USA
14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE
    Air Freight
15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY
    Port Lockroy

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 7733(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 1091).

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

16. DATE ISSUED
    March 24, 2011
17. NAME OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER (Type or Print)
    Michael Perry
18. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER
    [Signature]

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.

PPQ Form 577  FEB 2001  Previous editions are obsolete after 6/30/01
Features: PCIT Certificate Viewer

The PCIT certificate viewer is a tool that is used to authenticate United States Federal export certificates. To view a certificate, please enter the Certificate Number and then click the 'Search' button.

Help is available by clicking Need Help? located toward the top right corner of any page or by hovering the mouse pointer over a tooltip.

*All the fields must be complete in order to view a certificate.*

- **Certificate Number:**

- **Date Issued:**
  - mm/dd/yyyy

- **Place of Issue:**
  - Select

- **Security Check:**
  - Enter the text below:
This is an Electronic Representation of a Phytosanitary Certificate

PLACE OF ISSUE
Rivervale, Maryland

NO
F-F-24033-03167571-7-N

TO: THE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION(S) OF chile
DATE INSPECTED
May 16, 2013

CERTIFICATION

DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

1. DATE

2. TREATMENT

3. CHEMICAL (active ingredient)

4. DURATION AND TEMPERATURE

5. CONCENTRATION

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE EXPORTER
Confidential Business Information

8. DECLARED NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONSIGNEE
Confidential Business Information

9. NAME OF PRODUCE AND QUANTITY DECLARED
(1) 5000 Kilograms Grapefruit (fruit)

10. BOTANICAL NAME OF PLANTS
(1) Citrus paradisi

11. NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF PACKAGES
(1) 500 boxes

12. DISTINGUISHING MARKS
(1) None

13. PLACE OF ORIGIN
(1) California, USA

14. DECLARED MEANS OF CONVEYANCE
Air Freight

15. DECLARED POINT OF ENTRY
Santiago

ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

16. DATE ISSUED
May 16, 2013

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Michael Perry

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Michael Perry
Phytosanitary Export Database
(PExD)

https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/PExD/signIn
What is PExD?

- PCIT module
- Replaced previous EXCERPT system
- Database driven with many new features
- Repository of the phytosanitary import requirements of 236 countries
- Will transfer all Additional Declaration information to a PCIT certificate for eCertification
Chile

Commodity Summary

"Vitis sp., Vitis vinifera are members of the Vitis spp. genus and Vitaceae family."

Review the commodity summary displayed below for Vitis spp. and visit all the commodity summary links listed above (if applicable) for the complete information regarding the commodity, genus, and family.

Vitis spp.

Commodity Parts:

- In vitro plantlets except Vitis vinifera

In vitro plantlets except Vitis vinifera

Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) is required.

Additional Declaration

The material was produced in vitro by means of an approved culture method.

AND

The plant material are in aseptic transparent containers containing agar base culture media that only allow gaseous exchange.

AND

The plants originated from mother plants that have been examined/analyzed using appropriate analytical techniques and found to be free of Grapevine fanescence dauer phytoplasma, Grapevine rugose wood complex disease, Grapevine vitivirus B and Xylella fastidiosa.

Additional information

- The technique used must be indicated for each pathogen/disease.
- Proper safeguarding methods must be followed to avoid contamination of the plant material.
- An attachment to the shipment must declare the following information: species, variety, country of origin, amount, grower name, purpose of importation, and production area or destination in Chile.
Export Program Development Lessons Learned

• PCIT has become much more than just a document generation tool

• PCIT/PExD development is a constantly evolving process

• Learned to Listen and Adapt

• Not every change makes our users happy

• Enforces internal policies/standard terms

• User Community has a Diverse Spectrum of:
  • Needs, Skills, Knowledge and Capability
PCIT Electronic Certification (eCert)
What is PCIT eCert?

- Electronic Exchange is a United States Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) web service designed to electronically communicate with trading partner countries on issuance of phytosanitary certificates for shipments between two countries. This process supplements or replaces the current existing paper certificate which accompanies the shipments. Information is exchanged government to government.
Why eCert?

• Provide Credibility, integrity, security, and reduce fraud

• Expedite and facilitate trade

• Reduce certification costs to our users

• International standardization – ensures consistent data interpretation and conformance

  • Fraud prevention – reduces the likelihood of fraudulent certificates and illegal entry of commodities

  • Technology changes – ensure that the underlying technology meets international security requirements and allow for technological changes.
eCert Benefits

• Managed by the IPPC

• No need for bilateral agreements defining exchange parameters and security requirements

• Use of a common agreed to format – All countries would adhere to the ISPM-12 data format and definitions

• Ensure reliable 24x7 availability – the service would be 24/7/365 access with redundancies in place to ensure exceptional backup and recovery
QUESTIONS?

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