

Importing Fruits and Vegetables

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Some Useful Links

- FAVIR - Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements Database

<https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/manual/index.cfm?ACTION=pubHome>

- List of commodities that can be imported from all countries

[https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/manual/index.cfm?action=countrySummCom
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR)

Country Summary: Approved Commodities
Afghanistan

Relevant, Active Alerts:

Short Description	Issued Date
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No Alerts found

Instructions:

Only fruits and vegetables listed under ALL COUNTRIES are admissible, subject to inspection. If **not** admissible from ALL COUNTRIES, then PROHIBIT ENTRY.

Commodity	Plant Part	Port(s) of Entry
Aloe	Above ground parts	<i>All</i>
Cannonball fruit	Fruit	<i>All</i>
Coconut	Nut without husk	<i>All</i>
Corn smut galls	Gall	<i>All</i>
Cyperus corm	Corm	<i>All</i>
Edible flowers	Inflorescence	<i>All</i>
Garlic	Peeled cloves	<i>All</i>
Ginger	Root	<i>All</i>
Matsutake	Above ground parts	<i>All</i>
Mushroom	Above ground parts	<i>All</i>
Palm heart	Palm heart	<i>All</i>
Peanut	Nut or pod	<i>All</i>
Pomegranate	Arils	<i>All</i>
Singhara nut	Nut	<i>All</i>
Tamarind Bean	pod Pod	<i>All</i>

Partial List of commodities that can enter the U.S. from any country.

Pomegranate (Arils)

■ Commodity Import Report (CIR)

Pomegranate (Arils) from All Countries into All Port(s)

■ *Punica granatum*

■ Import Requirements:

- **Subject to Inspection** : This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7 CFR 319.56-3](#).

■ Additional Information

- No permit required.

To Begin a Market Access Request

- Please provide contact information for the National Plant Protection Organization of the country from which the commodity would be export.
- Information about the commodity proposed for importation
- Shipping information
- Description of all pests and diseases associated with the commodity proposed for importation
- Current strategies for risk mitigation or management

Information Needed for Market Access Request

■ Information about the commodity proposed for importation:

1. A description or map of the location in the exporting country where the commodity is produced.
2. The scientific name (including genus, species, and author names), synonyms, and taxonomic classification of the commodity.
3. Identification of the particular plant or plant part (i.e. fruit, leaf, root, entire plant, etc.) and any associated plant part proposed for importation.
4. The proposed end use of the imported commodity (e.g., propagation, consumption, milling, decorative, processing, etc.).
5. The months of the year when the commodity would be produced, harvested, and exported.

Information Needed for Market Access Request

■ Shipping information:

1. Detailed information about the projected quantity and weight/volume of the proposed importation.
2. Method of shipping in international commerce, including type of conveyance, and type, size, and capacity of packing boxes and/or shipping containers.

Information Needed for Market Access Request

- Description of all pests and diseases associated with the commodity proposed for importation:
 1. Scientific name (including genus, species, and author names) and taxonomic classification of arthropods, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, virus viroids, mollusks, phytoplasmas, spiroplasmas, etc., attacking the crop.
 2. Plant part attacked by each pest, pest life stages associated with each plant part attacked, and location of pest (in, on, or with commodity).
 3. References

Information Needed for Market Access Request

■ Current strategies for risk mitigation or management:

1. Overview of agronomic or horticultural management practices used in the production of the commodity, including methods of pest risk mitigation or control programs.
2. Identification of parties responsible for pest management and control.

Information Needed for Market Access Request

■ Additional Information:

Please provide any information that should be considered, such as post harvest transit and processing, physical and climatological description of the growing area, existing documentation, etc.

Market Access Request

- The approval process for new market access requests for fruits and vegetables can be long.