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Treatment Manual

# Certifying Facilities

## Overview

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The Certification of Facilities section of this manual is organized by the following categories:

- ◆ Vacuum Fumigation Chambers
- ◆ Atmospheric Fumigation Chambers
- ◆ Cold Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Hot Water Immersion Facilities
- ◆ Niger seed Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Forced Hot Air and Vapor Heat Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Irradiation Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Firewood Heat Treatment Facilities

Domestic and foreign treatment facilities must be certified by APHIS before they can perform treatments to meet United States quarantine requirements. Specific requirements for each type of facility are included in this section.

After the Center for Plant Health Science and Technology (CPHST) has approved blueprints or drawings of a treatment facility, the treatment facility can request certification from Plant Protection and Quarantine at local ports or State Plant Health Directors.



Send blueprints or drawings of **domestic** treatment facilities to:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ-CPHST  
Treatment Quality Assurance Unit  
1730 Varsity Drive, Suite 400  
Raleigh, NC 27606  
tel: 919-855-7450

Request for certification can be sent to State Plant Directors listed at the following URL:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/services/report\\_pest\\_disease/report\\_pest\\_disease.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/services/report_pest_disease/report_pest_disease.shtml)



Send blueprints or drawings and request for certification of **foreign** treatment facilities to:

Director, Preclearance Programs  
USDA, APHIS, PPQ  
4700 River Road, Unit 60  
Riverdale, MD 20737  
tel: 301-734-8295  
fax: 301-734-8318

For foreign treatment facilities, the company requesting certification is responsible for paying money into a trust fund account to pay the salary, travel costs, and per diem of a PPQ Officer to be sent on temporary duty.

Sea-going vessels that participate in the APHIS cold treatment program for fresh fruit may be certified at a port in the USA or at a foreign port. Also, if the certification is to be carried out overseas, a trust fund account will be needed to cover the costs. (For details call PPQ Quarantine Policy, Analysis and Support (QPAS), tel: 301-734-6404.