

*******Guidelines for Immediate Transportation*******

Please note: Depending on the mode of arrival and means of conveyance, additional specific requirements, including routing information, will be included in the Importer Compliance Agreement and/or APHIS PPQ Import Permit.

*******General Stipulations for movement of articles intended for Irradiation in the United States*******

Permit holders must ensure that any transloading activity (i.e. breakdown of pallets or transfers of pallets/boxes out of a truck trailer, marine container, or air ULD into another conveyance) only occurs if authorized and/or supervised by CBP Agriculture Specialist or by PPQ.

Permit holders must ensure that transfer/transload facilities that handle or process your shipments have insect mesh (with holes no larger than 0.6 mm x 0.6 mm) available on site and applies the insect mesh immediately to pallets/boxes if the mesh covering the shipment is missing in some places, ripped, or if holes/gaps exist in the packaging.

The truck (means of conveyance) must be refrigerated or have an air-conditioning system to keep the commodity cool during the trip to the irradiation facility. Use of GPS tracker is encouraged when truck is en-route to irradiation facility. Bonded carriers may be used for transportation of articles destined for irradiation treatment.

A security seal will be applied to each shipment or conveyance by the shipper or exporter at the origin, or at the port of entry by CBP, to secure the shipment for the duration of the transit and to ensure that the shipment contents remain intact and the container or shipment is not opened or manipulated by unauthorized persons. You or your agents, may not manipulate, tamper with, and/or remove any seal applied to any part of the shipment or conveyance unless pre-authorized by a representative of CBP or PPQ.

The signed CBP Form AI-625, "Sealing Report/Authorization to Proceed", must accompany each shipment transiting overland to the APHIS Certified Treatment Facility.

Shipments must arrive at the APHIS PPQ Certified Treatment Facility no later than 48 hours from the time overland movement is authorized by CBP (i.e. from the time the CBP Form AI-625 is issued).

In the event that any of the following occurs while en-route to the APHIS Certified Treatment Facility: equipment (i.e. truck) breakdown, spillage/cargo loss at any time during shipment, unexpected changes in routing which delays delivery of the conveyance (i.e. inclement weather), Permittee must immediately contact the U.S. Government/State Regulatory Official as listed on the Importer's Compliance Agreement. All subsequent instructions for safeguarding that are provided by Government Officials must be followed.

Failure to comply with all conditions of this permit and associated Importer's Compliance Agreement may result in the issuance of penalties or liquidated damages to the importer or the customs bond holder and/or cancellation of this permit. All shipments arriving after cancellation of an import permit will be re-exported at no cost to the United States Department of Agriculture or the Department of Homeland Security.