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Dear Ms. Warnock:

This is in response to your September 15, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which we received on October 16, 2009, and assigned FOIA 10-027. Specifically, you requested copies of Export Form Certificates and related information. We sincerely apologize for the delay of this response.

The information you requested is under the jurisdiction of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). We have forwarded your request to the AMS FOIA Office for processing. They can be contacted at:

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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. Should you have questions, please contact Reginald Sheppard of this staff at (301) 734-3257.

Sincerely,



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cc: (USDA, AMS w/copy of request)



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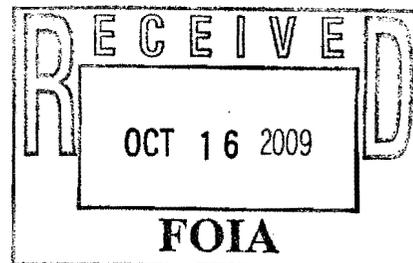
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Freedom of Information Act Request

Re: Variety/Brand Identification - U.S. Apple Exports
Export Form Certificate Information



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Dear Ms. Woods:

This Freedom of Information Act Request is regarding information on Export Form Certificates that are prepared by the USDA as a result of inspections of apples that are exported from the U.S. We have a separate Freedom of Information Act request (**FOIA 09-536**) currently pending with your office regarding variety/brand information in Phytosanitary Certificates related to the export of apples from the U.S.

As some background to Pink Lady America's request, USDA inspectors inspect all U.S. apples prior to their export from the United States. Following these inspections one of the documents prepared and signed by the USDA inspectors is an Export Form Certificate. For clarity, a PDF of an example Export Form Certificate is attached to this letter for your review. USDA Export Form Certificates contain the following information:

1. Export Form Certificate Number (Example: X-909308-9)
2. Inspection Started Date
3. Inspection Completed Date
4. Applicant/Shipper
5. City/State of Applicant Shipper
6. Receiver (*this information is not requested by Pink Lady America*)
7. City/Country of Receiver
8. Product
9. Number and Type of Containers
10. Description of Product (Brand, Variety, Size, Origin, etc.)
11. Grade
12. Remarks