



## Additional Import Requirements for Mango from Palawan Islands in the Philippines into All Ports

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The island of Palawan is free from the mango seed weevil (*Sternochetus mangiferae*), but not mango pulp weevil (*Sternochetus frigidus*) or *Bactrocera* spp. fruit flies. The only approved treatment for mango pulp weevil and *Bactrocera* spp. on mango is T105-a-4 (irradiation using 165 Gy).

Currently, there are no approved irradiation facilities in the Philippines. For this reason, the commodity is currently **not** authorized entry into the U.S. **Import permits will not be issued.**

Upon USDA authorization, irradiation can be applied either in the Philippines or in the United States.

**Philippines:** If the commodity will be irradiated in the Philippines, it must meet the following entry requirements:

- ◆ Must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued by the national plant protection organization in the Philippines with two additional declarations (AD) stating that:
  - ❖ “The mangoes have been treated for fruit flies of the genus *Bactrocera* and *Sternochetus frigidus* (mango pulp weevil) in accordance with 7 CFR 305.”
  - ❖ “The mangoes were grown in an area that the Administrator has determined to be free of mango seed weevil.”
- ◆ Must be precleared and irradiated with the specified treatment in compliance with 7 CFR 305.9 in the country of origin
- ◆ The completed Preclearance Form 203 signed by the APHIS inspector in the country of origin confirming application of irradiation treatment must be presented at the time of entry.
- ◆ Must meet the following box, carton, and pallet labeling requirements:
  - ❖ Boxes or cartons must be marked with:
    - ⇒ Production Unit Code (PUC)
    - ⇒ Treatment Facility Code (TFC)
    - ⇒ Packing House Code (PHC)
    - ⇒ Packing date
    - ⇒ Lot number
    - ⇒ A stamp with the words "Treated by irradiation." or "Treated with radiation."
    - ⇒ The international radura symbol
  - ❖ If the boxes or cartons are not palletized, they must also include:
    - ⇒ Treatment Facility Code (TFC)
    - ⇒ Treatment Identification Number (TIN)
    - ⇒ Treatment date
  - ❖ If the boxes or cartons are palletized, the pallets need to display only:
    - ⇒ Treatment Facility Code (TFC)

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- ⇒ Treatment Identification Number (TIN)
  - ⇒ Treatment date
  - ❖ The palletized boxes or cartons must be wrapped with polyethylene shrink wrap, net wrapping, or strapping (excluding air shipments.)
  - ❖ If air shipments are not palletized, then cartons must be pest-proof, and the shipment can be broken down into smaller shipping units, such as LD-3 air cargo containers.

*United States.* A bilateral agreement between APHIS and the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the exporting country is required before irradiation in the U.S. is an approved option. The NPPO must make a formal request to APHIS for this option. Contact the NPPO at: <https://www.ippc.int/countries/>.