

FEDERAL DOMESTIC QUARANTINE ORDER

Spondias spp. and other fruits

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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the entry or introduction of the harmful plant pest, *Anastrepha obliqua* (West Indian fruit fly), from St. Vincent and the Grenadines into the United States. This Federal Order is effective on April 19, 2011.

This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the authority provided by the Plant Protection Act (PPA) of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction into the United States or the dissemination of a plant pest or noxious weed within the United States.

The Administrator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has determined that the introduction and establishment of *A. obliqua* poses a serious threat to United States agriculture including certain fruits or vegetables grown in the United States. Fruits of *Spondias* spp., *Malpighia glabra* L. (Barbados cherry), *Averrhoa carambolas* L. (Carambola), *Flacourtia indica* (Governor's plum), *Manilkara zapota* (L.) P. Royen (Sapodilla) and *Passiflora* spp. (Passion fruit including granadilla) from St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been allowed into the United States since 1987. Due to the introduction of *A. obliqua* to St. Vincent and the Grenadines, APHIS has decided to suspend the importation of these fruits from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. APHIS has determined that the introduction and establishment of *A. obliqua* poses a serious threat to United States agriculture.

Currently, the only APHIS approved treatment for *A. obliqua* in *Spondias* spp. Barbados cherry, passion fruit, carambola and sapodilla is irradiation as stated in 7 CFR 305 (Carambola also can be treated with cold treatment). Therefore, for importation into the United States, these fruits from St. Vincent and the Grenadines must be treated in accordance with 7 CFR 305. Currently St. Vincent and the Grenadines does not meet all of the requirements of 7 CFR 305. Until all of these requirements are met, irradiation is not an option.

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