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## Import Requirements for Persimmon Fruit from South Africa that will Undergo Irradiation Treatment Upon Arrival into U.S. Ports Specified on the Import Permit

1. **Import Permit Required:** You **must** obtain an APHIS PPQ Import Permit with Immediate Transportation (IT) Requirements. For more information on transiting safeguards, refer to the [Guidelines for Immediate Transportation](#). To obtain a permit, go to [e-Permits](#).
2. **Other: Prior to applying for an import permit, you must obtain a USDA APHIS PPQ Importer Compliance Agreement** for irradiation treatment conducted in the United States. Your Importer Compliance Agreement will be valid once you have signed it to certify that you will meet all regulatory requirements and conditions. For more information on obtaining an Importer Compliance Agreement, refer to the [Steps for Importing Commodities for Irradiation Treatment in the United States](#).
3. **Subject to Inspection:** This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7CFR 319.56-3](#).
4. **Commercial Consignments Only:** Commercial consignments **do not** include fruits and vegetables presented for entry in hand carried packages, passenger baggage, mail, overnight delivery service, or other small package delivery service.
5. **Phytosanitary Certificate:** You **must** ensure that each consignment is inspected by the National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa prior to departure and accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (PC) issued by the government of South Africa.
6. **Condition of Entry Treatment T105-a-2:** Arrangements **must** be made in advance with an [APHIS PPQ Certified Treatment Facility](#) to ensure that each of your consignments receives the appropriate treatment.
7. **Other:** Articles **must** be packed in insect-proof packaging that has been pre-approved by APHIS. All openings in the packages **must** be covered by material with holes **no** greater than 0.8 mm at the widest point. This is equivalent to a mesh size of **no** greater than 0.6 mm x 0.6 mm.
8. **Other: Sample Pallet: For consignments that contain more than four pallets,** the importer is responsible for ensuring that a sample pallet accompanies the consignment destined to the USA and that it contains a representative sample of the consignment. Failure to include a sample pallet will result in the immediate re-exportation of the consignment. ([Sample pallet specifications](#))