

How USDA's Plant Protection and Quarantine is Working for U.S. Exporters

Creating a Safe, Fair Global Trade System

PPQ is advancing the worldwide use of plant health protection standards that are necessary for the safe expansion of global ag trade. **Standards are the rules of the road, sea, air, and rails.** They reduce the movement of pests that could threaten U.S. crops and help to create a level playing field for U.S. products abroad.



Certifying Exports

We inspect U.S. plants and plant products to make sure they are pest free and meet the importing countries' requirements.

In 2016 alone, we certified the health of more than 650,000 exports.

Striking Down Plant Health Trade Barriers

We use science, data, and international guidelines to resolve and remove plant health trade barriers to U.S. products, **helping U.S. exporters reach more markets abroad.**

Releasing Held Shipments

Sometimes U.S. shipments are held at foreign ports of entry due to paperwork errors and other non-technical issues. **We secured the release of 319 U.S. shipments valued at more than \$65 million in 2016.**

