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APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine Implements Risk-Based Sampling for Bananas and Plantains at U.S. Ports of Entry

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APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin risk-based sampling (RBS) on banana and plantain shipments at U.S. ports of entry starting September 26, 2022. The goal of RBS is to reduce inspections on entities importing commodities compliant with current pest and disease regulations

There are no changes to the required entry paperwork; however, PPQ and CBP recommend that trade entities file entry paperwork prior to arrival if possible and include APHIS Core Message Set data to ensure their shipments are processed according to RBS procedures.

For questions about this announcement, please email the RBS Port of Entry Team at PPQ.RBS@USDA.GOV or contact the CBP Information Center at https://help.cbp.gov/s/questions.

For more information on Risk Based Sampling, please visit our website: <u>USDA</u> <u>APHIS|Risk-Based Sampling</u>.