



Agricultural
Clearance

Appendix O

Plant Inspection Stations and CITES Ports

Background

Federal regulations require that most imported plants and seeds enter the United States through certain ports of entry where the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has special facilities for the inspection and clearance of those items. These are known as Plant Inspection Stations and are operated by the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program. Currently, PPQ has 14 such Plant Inspection Stations located at or near many major ports of entry.

At the Plant Inspection Stations, PPQ officers inspect imported plants and seeds to insure that they are free from plants pests and diseases that are not known to occur in the United States and that they otherwise comply with Federal regulations. When such pests or diseases are detected, PPQ may require that the planting material be treated, exported or destroyed.

At the Plant Inspection Stations, PPQ also enforces the rules and regulations that apply to the import, export and re-export of live plant species protected by the Endangered Species Act and the Convention on International Traded in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Many of the Plant Inspection Stations also issue phytosanitary certificates for the export of plants, seeds, and other propagative materials.

PPQ also has a specialized Plant Germplasm Inspection Station located in Beltsville, Maryland, as part of the National Plant Germplasm Quarantine Center. This facility is uniquely designed for handling germplasm and other propagative materials that are very valuable for plant breeding and research programs but which are normally prohibited entry into the United States. These items must enter the United States under what is known as a “Departmental Permit” and are sent to the inspection station in Beltsville where they are inspected, and if necessary, treated before allowing them to move forward to a an approved facility identified on the Departmental Permit.

List of Plant Inspection Stations and CITES Ports

Arizona

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
9 North Grand Avenue, Room 120
Nogales, AZ 85621
Phone (520) 287-6463 - Fax (520) 397-0138

California

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Los Angeles Inspection Station
11840 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Phone (310) 725-1910 - Fax (310) 725-1947

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
9777 Via de la Amistad, Room 140
San Diego, CA 92154
Phone (619) 661-3316 - Fax (619) 661-3047

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
389 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 2
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Phone (650) 876-9093 - Fax (650) 876-9008

Florida

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
3500 NW 62nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33122
Regular Mail - P.O. Box 660520
Miami, FL 33266
Phone (305) 526-2825 - Fax (305) 871-4205

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
3951 Centerport Street
Orlando, FL 32827
Phone (407) 825-4237 - Fax (407) 825-4235

Georgia

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
Hartsfield Perishable Complex
1270 Woolman Pl.
Atlanta, GA 30354
Phone (404) 564-2176 - Fax (404) 564-2312

Guam

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
P. O. Box 8769
Tamuning, GU 96931-6030
Phone (671) 647-6030 - Fax (671) 647 6029

Hawaii

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Honolulu Inspection Station
Honolulu International Airport
300 Rodgers Blvd., #58
Honolulu, HI 96819
Phone (808) 861-8494 - Fax (808) 861-8500

Louisiana

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
Mail: - P.O. Box 20114
New Orleans, LA 70141-0114
Deliveries: 900 East Airline Hwy.
Service Rd. A
Kenner, LA 70063
Phone (504) 464-0430 - Fax (504) 465-0968

New Jersey

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Frances Krim Memorial Inspection Station
2500 Brunswick Avenue, Building G
Linden, NJ 07036
Phone (908) 862-2012 - Fax (908) 862-2095
(covers the Port of New York; Elizabeth and Newark, NJ)

New York

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
230-59 International Airport Centers Boulevard
Building C-Suite 100-Room 109
Jamaica, NY 11413
Phone (718) 553-1732 - Fax (718) 553-0060

Puerto Rico

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
150 Central Sector
Bldg. C2, Warehouse #3
Carolina, PR 00979
Phone (787) 253-7850 - Fax (787) 253-4514

Texas

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
P. O. Drawer Box 399
100 Los Indios Boulevard
Los Indios, TX 78567
Phone (956) 399-2085 - Fax (956) 399-4001

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
19581 Lee Road
Humble, TX 77338
Phone (281) 443-2063 - Fax (281) 443-7643

Washington

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
835 South 192nd St., Suite 1600
SeaTac, WA 98148
Phone (206) 878-6600 - Fax (206) 870-8043

Specialized Plant Germplasm Inspection Station

Maryland

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
National Plant Germplasm Inspection Station
Building 580, BARC-East
Beltsville, MD 20705
Phone (301) 504-8141 Ext. 1 - Fax (301) 504-8539