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Treatment Manual

Certifying Facilities

Overview

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The Certification of Facilities section of this manual is organized by the following categories:

- ◆ Vacuum Fumigation Chambers
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- ◆ Cold Treatment Facilities
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- ◆ Forced Hot Air and Vapor Heat Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Niger seed Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Irradiation Treatment Facilities
- ◆ Firewood Heat Treatment Facilities

Domestic and foreign treatment facilities must be certified by APHIS before they can perform treatments to meet United States quarantine requirements. Specific requirements for each type of facility are included in this section.

After the Center for Plant Health Science and Technology (CPHST) has approved blueprints or drawings of a treatment facility, the treatment facility can request certification from Plant Protection and Quarantine at local ports or State Plant Health Directors.



Blueprints or drawings of **domestic** treatment facilities should be sent to:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ-CPHST
Treatment Quality Assurance Unit
1730 Varsity Drive, Suite 400
Raleigh, NC 27606
tel: 919-855-7450

Request for certification can be sent to State Plant Directors listed at the following URL:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/services/report_pest_disease/report_pest_disease.shtml



Blueprints or drawings and request for certification of **foreign** treatment facilities should be sent to:

Director, Preclearance Programs
USDA, APHIS, PPQ
4700 River Road, Unit 60
Riverdale, MD 20737
tel: 301-734-8295
fax: 301-734-8318

For foreign treatment facilities, the company requesting certification is responsible for paying money into a trust fund account to pay the salary, travel costs, and per diem of a PPQ Officer to be sent on temporary duty.

Sea-going vessels that participate in the APHIS cold treatment program for fresh fruit may be certified at a port in the USA or at a foreign port. Also, if the certification is to be carried out overseas, a trust fund account will be needed to cover the costs. (For details call PPQ Quarantine Policy, Analysis and Support (QPAS), tel: 301-734-6404.