

Guide to Exporting Fresh Produce

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

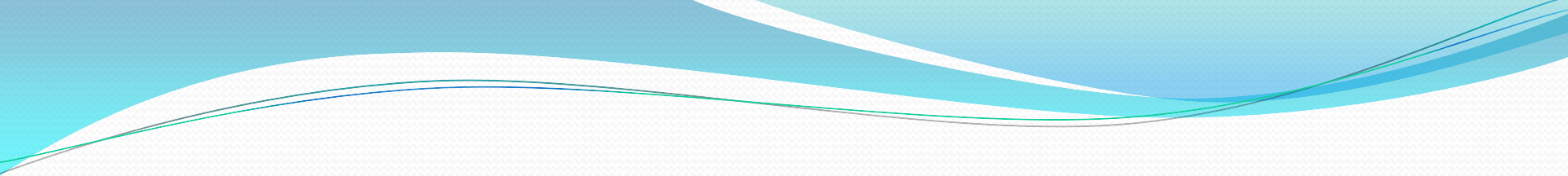
- *The Plant Quarantine Act (1993) and its regulation*
- *The Plant (Importation) Control (Amendments) Regulation, 2005*
- *The Citrus Plant (Certification) Regulation, 1999 under the Plant Quarantine Act 1993*
- *The Agricultural Produce Act (1926)*

MANDATE

- To ensure that only the highest quality produce is imported into the island and exported to our trading partners.
- To ensure that no harmful exotic plant pests are introduced and become established in the island, or, are exported to our trading partners.

EXPORT COMPLEXES (ONE STOP)

- There are two Agricultural Export Complexes operated by the Plant Quarantine Branch located at the International Airports in Kingston and Montego Bay

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- Function as one-stop facilities housing all relevant agencies: Airlines, Customs, USDA, MOAF Inspectorate, Fumigation and Accounting staff.

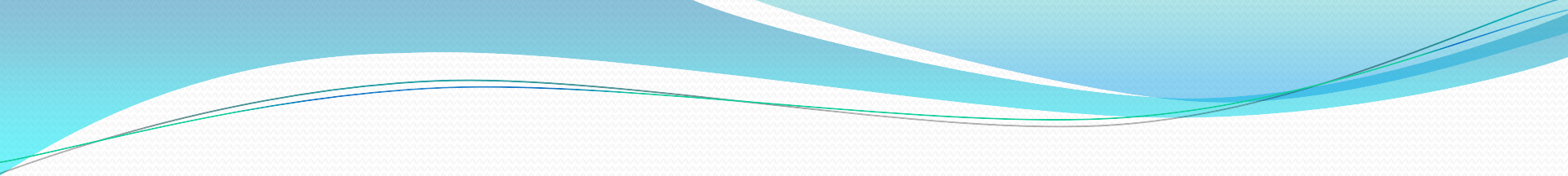
 - Provides the following services:
 - Inspection and certification of agricultural produce for exports
 - Cold and Ambient storage
 - Preclearance of agricultural produce to the USA
 - Fumigation of Solid wood packing material and agricultural produce
 - Yam, Pepper, & Thyme

PACKING HOUSE REQUIREMENTS

See insert on Basic Packing House Requirements

PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS

- *Make appointment for the inspection of the packing house with the Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch after all the requirements have been met.*

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- *If the packing house is approved, Plant Quarantine /Produce Inspection branch will prepare a letter to the Export Certification Officer at JAMPRO requesting that they proceed with the registration process.*

Labelling (minimum)

- Company Name
- Name of Produce
- Weight
- “Produce of Jamaica”

Special Arrangements

U S A – Pre-clearance , FSMA

Canada – Safe Food for Canadians Act

Grand Cayman – Import permit required

E U – 5 Interceptions pre Commodity



USDA Pre-Clearance Program

A collaboration between USDA,
Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service, International Services and
the Jamaica Ministry of Agriculture.

Benefits

Expedites Trade

- Minimal Inspection on arrival at US ports
- Facilitates open trade of high risk commodities.
- Avoids rejection or delays upon arrival
- Faster access to markets

Approved Pre-Cleared Products

Jamaican commodities are enterable into the United States under the Pre-Clearance program. (See insert USDA preclearance list)

- These include Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs, Root crops and flowers.

Quarantine Treatment

Mandatory fumigation is required for Peppers, Thyme and Yams as a condition of entry into the United States.

EXPORTING PROCESS

- *Make appointment for inspection (24- 72hrs)*
- *Documents required:*
 - *Customs entry*
 - *Commercial invoice*
 - *Letter from JAMPRO*
 - *Special permits- Coconut, Banana, CITES*

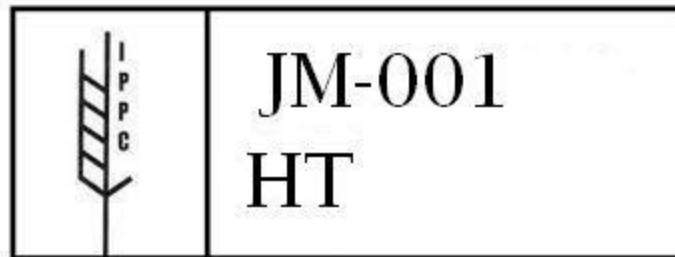
PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS



ISPM #15

- Treatment of all solid wood packaging material
- Heat Treatment
- Fumigation (Methyl Bromide)

➤ IPPC Mark



✘ Main Office (Hope Gardens)

977-0637/6401

977-6992 (fax)

Website www.moa.gov.jm

Email ppq@moa.gov.jm

✘ Export Complex

- **Airport, Kingston**

924-8906, 924-8736

924-8907 (fax)

- **Airport, Montego Bay**

940-4146

940-5661 (fax)

✘ Port Antonio – 588-5546

✘ Ocho Rios – 5885535

✘ USDA-APHIS – Kingston – 924-8904



**Let us work together to preserve
and create new foreign markets
for our fresh produce.**

THANK YOU