

Phytosanitary import requirements for fresh grapefruit fruits (*Citrus paradisi* Macfad.) imported from Argentina into Vietnam

General information

This phytosanitary import requirements are developed by the Plant Protection Department (PPD), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam. Based on the results of the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) report, the following pests are concluded as quarantine pests associated with fresh grapefruit fruits from Argentina into Vietnam:

- *Anastrepha fraterculus* Wiedemann;
- *Ceratitis capitata* (Wiedemann);
- *Ecdytolopha aurantianum* (Lima);
- *Xylella fastidiosa*

Grapefruit fruits imported from Argentina into Vietnam shall be complied with following requirements:

1. Registration

- a) The production establishments, production units, packing houses, treatment and storage facilities, exporters and exit points willing to work within the framework of the program of export of fresh grapefruit fruits intended for Vietnam shall be registered and authorized by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Argentina (SENASA);
- b) Production establishments, production units, packing houses, treatment and storage facilities shall be undergone, on a regular basis, disinfection and sanitary inspection by SENASA in order to prevent entry and re-contamination of pests;
- c) The lists of registered production establishments, production units, packing houses, quarantine treatment and storage facilities for grapefruit fruits export to Vietnam must be provided to PPD before export commencement;

2. Pre-harvest measures

The following conditions are applied for risk management of *Xylella fastidiosa* Bitanc. & Jenkins at pre-harvested stage:

- a) Grapefruit fruits must be grown in production establishments, production units registered with and monitored by SENANA to ensure that grapefruit fruits are free from *Ecdytolopha aurantianum* and *Xylella fastidiosa*. Details of the pest control programs must be provided to PPD before commencement of trade;
- b) If any of those quarantine pests to Vietnam is detected during surveillance activities or joint inspection of production establishments and production units, then SENASA will remove the production establishments or production units from the registered list.

3. Post-harvest measures

Following conditions are applied for risk management of *Anastrepha fraterculus* Wiedemann, *Ceratitis capitata* (Wiedemann) and *Ecdytolopha aurantianum* (Lima) at post harvested stage:

3.1. Sorting and packing process

- a) Grapefruit fruits exporting to Vietnam shall be sorted and packed only in packing houses registered with SENASA and ensure the removal of fruits which are infested by pests and diseases;
- b) On the outside of the export packing boxes of grapefruit fruits shall be marked "For Vietnam" and "the name (or registration code) of orchards and packing houses".
- c) The packaging materials shall be compliant with ISPM 15.

3.2. Phytosanitary treatment

- a) All consignments of grapefruits for export must be treated by one of the following options:

Cold treatment at 1.67° C or below for 17 days under supervision of SENASA. The fruit will be sampled after cold treatment in accordance with the agreed sampling plan, for visual inspection by SENASA inspectors with determining the acceptance or rejection of fruit;

or

In-transit cold treatment at 2.1° C or below for 21 days in the traceable manner which allows PPD inspectors checking during import inspections.

- b) Treatment parameters must be stated in the phytosanitary certificate at the treatment section.

4. Pre-export inspection

- a) A phytosanitary certificate issued by SENASA is required for each consignment. Each phytosanitary certificate must be included the additional declaration, stating in English:

"The consignment of grapefruit fruits has been produced and prepared for export in accordance with the phytosanitary import requirements for importation of fresh grape fruits (*Citrus paradisi* Macfad.) from Argentina into Vietnam".

- b) The consignment must be also practically free from soil, plant debris/leaf.

5. Import inspection

Upon arrival in Vietnam, every consignment will be inspected by PPD. If any quarantine pest is intercepted during import inspection, the consignment shall be treated according to Vietnamese phytosanitary regulations.

6. Review policy

PPD reserves the right to review this phytosanitary requirements at any time if quarantine pests are detected. The review is also considered when the phytosanitary status of the exporting country is changed.