



United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Specialty Crops Inspection Division

EXPORT APPLE ACT / EXPORT GRAPE AND PLUM ACT

The Specialty Crops Program in consultation with the Office of General Counsel has decided that the Export Apple Act and the Export Grape and Plum Act are to require inspection and certification by the Specialty Crops Inspection Division only on U.S. grown fruit.

Only apples and grapes grown in the United States are required to be offered for inspection in compliance with the Export Fruit Acts. However, foreign grown apples that have been entered into U.S. commerce are also subject to the Act. If there is reason to believe that a load or lot has been commingled with domestic products, it must be inspected as if it were a domestically grown product. Foreign shipments moving through United States ports on through bills of lading to foreign destinations are exempt from the inspection requirements of the Act.

The above described policy does not affect certification under the Canadian Import Requirements. Shipments of apples to Canada, whether they be foreign or domestic apples, must be certified as they have been in the past. However, a 2014 amendment exempts apples shipped to Canada in bulk containers weighing more than 100 pounds from USDA inspection and certification to the Export Apple Act, but such loads or lots still have to be inspected and certified to the requirements, if any, of the Ministerial Exemption (Canadian Easement) issued for that load or lot.

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