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To: Otay Mesa Brokers

Re: Tomato Inspection

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Dear Valued Customers;

Just a reminder

***Monday, October 10, 2016, we will begin the tomato inspection period once again.
Please see the following pages for information on the arrival times required for
shipments to be inspected weekdays and weekends.***

Thank you,

Federal-State Inspection Service

**PORT (CARGO)
INFORMATION
NOTICE**

NUMBER: 2008-014
ISSUE DATE: February 27, 2008

SUBJECT: Implementation of New Procedures Relating to Agriculture Commodities Requiring State Inspection and Clearance

DISTRIBUTION: All Otay Mesa Customhouse Brokers, Importers, and Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

To advise the importing community of the implementation of new procedures and inspection hours relating to agricultural commodities requiring State inspection at the Otay Mesa Commercial Facility.

The affected commodities include large fresh tomatoes and dry onions.

These new procedures will become effective March 1, 2008.

PROCEDURES:

Beginning March 1, 2008, commercial shipments of produce requiring a State agriculture inspection must be inside the Otay Mesa Commercial Facility and parked at the dock prior to 1800 hours, Monday through Friday, in order to receive a State inspection and clearance at the cargo facility.

Shipments arriving Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays must be inside the cargo facility and parked at the dock prior to 1400 hours in order to receive a State inspection and clearance at the cargo facility.

Shipments of State regulated produce entering the cargo facility after the hours noted above will be conditionally released and required to undergo inspection and subsequent clearance at the destination warehouse. The produce may not be released by the importer into the commerce of the United States until the State of California completes its inspection.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and for communicating the new requirements to your clients and industry stakeholders. Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this PIN, please contact CBP Agriculture Specialist Aaron Burkey at (619) 671-8183 or California State Agriculture Supervisor John Galvan at (619)-661-6355.

**/SIGNED/
PETE FLORES
Port Director, Otay Mesa**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**



**PLEASE SEND PRODUCE TRUCK TO COMMERCIAL DOCK
FOR FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTION.**

**LIST OF IMPORT REGULATED PRODUCTS.
TOMATOES---FRESH, BOLA, LARGE, SLICER AND
GREENHOUSE/HOTHOUSE TYPE.
OCTOBER 10TH THRU JUNE 15TH EVERY YEAR.**

ROMA, CHERRY AND GRAPE TOMATOES- DO NOT NEED TO BE INSPECTED.

ONIONS (DRY TYPE) WHITE ---YELLOW---RED- YEAR ROUND.

AVOCADOS- YEAR ROUND.

ORANGES- SEPTEMBER 1st TO JUNE 30th.

TABLE GRAPES- APRIL 10th TO JULY 10th.



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Notice



This shipment does not meet the requirements of Section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act (AMAA) of 1937

In order to comply with the law you must do the following:

REQUIRED ACTION	PROPER DOCUMENTATION
1) Recondition the shipment that currently fails 8e import requirements and have it re-inspected, including the destruction of any culls.	1) USDA, AMS inspection certificate(s) for all units meeting 8e Import Requirements and a certificate for all destroyed units. These items must equal the original quantity of imported shipment.
Or	
2) Re-Export shipment	2) Customs Form 7512 signed by CBP personell or <u>with Customs date hole punch stamp</u> , or a Customs Form 7512 stamped "QP In Bond Authorized" with a paid freight bill showing destination and proper quantity of product.
Or	
3) Send shipment to exempt use .	3) Properly complete form FV-6 and return to USDA, MOAD, Compliance and Enforcement Branch. Visit our website for a listing of acceptable exempt uses for each commodity.
Or	
4) Destroy	4) USDA, AMS certificate documenting all units being disposed. This item must equal the original quantity of imported shipment

A copy of this failed inspection will be forwarded to the **USDA, AMS, Marketing Order & Agreement Division (MOAD), Compliance and Enforcement Branch** which will follow-up to determine the failed product's disposition. If the violation is not handled as listed above, you may be subject to one or more of the following:

- A. U.S. Customs demand for redeliver or liquidated damages for three times the value of imports
- B. U.S. Customs denial of entry for this shipment as well as future shipments.
- C. \$1,100 penalty per violation, each day the violation occurs.
- D. Civil forfeiture of the present market value.

Please fax or mail a copy of the failed inspection certificate stapled to the appropriate documentation of its disposition to:

USDA, AMS, FV, MOAD, Compliance and Enforcement Branch
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Stop Code 0237, Room 1406-S
Washington, D.C. 20250

Fax#: 202-720-5698

Please contact us with any question concerning how to document or comply properly at:
202-690-0464 or complianceinfo@ams.usda.gov

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Fees		
When performing inspections of product unloaded directly from land or air transportation, the charges shall be determined on the following basis	Rate	Start Date
Quality and Condition Inspections for Over Half Lot	\$166.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
Quality and Condition for Half Lot or Less and Condition Only for Over Half Lot	\$138.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
Condition Only for Half Lot or Less	\$127.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
Quality and Condition, Condition Only and Dockside Inspections for Additional Lots of the Same Product	\$76.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
Quality and Condition and Condition Only for Lots of 50 Packages or Less	\$76.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
Lots in Excess of Whole Lot Equivalents (i.e., Railcars)	Charge additionally by quarter lot ¹	10/1/16
Dockside Inspections – Each package weighing < 30 lbs.	\$0.038 per pkg. ¹	03/01/08
Dockside Inspections – Each package weighing 30 lbs. or more.	\$0.059 per pkg. ¹	03/01/08
Minimum Charge per Individual Product for Dockside Inspection	\$166.00 per lot ¹	10/1/16
All Hourly Work (Inspection Services)	\$74.00 per hour ¹	03/01/08
All Hourly Work (Audit Services)	\$92.00 per hour ²	03/01/08
Overtime Rate for all inspections performed outside the employee's normal tour of duty hours, or for all lot or package based inspections performed by Federal employees on a Federal holiday	\$38.00 per hour	03/01/08
Holiday Rate for all hourly based inspection work performed on a Federal Holiday during a Federal employee's normal tour of duty hours	\$148.00 per hour	03/01/08
Rate for Billable Mileage	\$1.32 per mile	03/01/08

¹ Additional travel costs will apply where applicable.

² Only travel costs outside of the United States will be added to the fee, if applicable.

This PATCH represents official guidance. This PATCH is scheduled to be incorporated into the document listed on the first page. After incorporation into the document listed above this PATCH will become obsolete.

PATCH # 010 Fees for TMI (September 29, 2016)

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