

## PPQ PHYTOSANITARY IRRADIATION PROGRAM: IMPORTER COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT PROCESS

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Starting with Pakistan mango in 2011, PPQ has allowed the use of upon-arrival phytosanitary irradiation as a condition of entry treatment for U.S. imports. There are three certified facilities (Gateway America, Gulfport MS; National Center for Electron Beam Research, College Station TX; and Sadex, Sioux City IA) that perform these treatments on import commodities from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, and South Africa.

Importer Compliance Agreements are an integral part of the PPQ Upon-Arrival Phytosanitary Irradiation Program (formerly known as the PPQ Port of Entry Phytosanitary Irradiation Program). PPQ collects information from the importer on commodity, country of origin, conveyance, port of entry, and routing to treatment facility. After confirming that the irradiation facility is able to provide services the importer, PPQ issues a Form 519 (Compliance Agreement). Once the agreement is issued, the importer can submit a request for importer permit. These two documents ensure that all regulatory and safeguarding needs are met during the importation process.

During this talk, Dr. Jeffers will outline all necessary steps and points of contact for issuance of an Importer Compliance Agreement. Much of this process is captured at the USDA APHIS Plant Health Import Information Website: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_imports/irradiation/downloads/StepsforImporting.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/irradiation/downloads/StepsforImporting.pdf)