

Fresh Products Branch Directive

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**EXPORT APPLE AND PEAR ACT, EXPORT GRAPE
AND PLUM ACT**

I. PURPOSE

This directive is set forth to clarify the intent of the Export Fruit Acts concerning inspection of foreign grown fruit.

II. BACKGROUND

The question has arisen as to whether or not the Export Apple and Pear Act and the Export Grape and Plum Act require that foreign grown commodities be inspected and meet the standards under these Acts when they are transhipped through the United States to another country.

The Fruit and Vegetable Division in consultation with the Office of General Counsel has decided that the Export Fruit Acts are to require inspection and certification by the Fresh Products Branch only on U.S. grown fruit.

III. POLICY

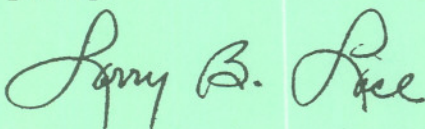
Effective immediately only apples, pears, and grapes grown in the United States are required to be offered for inspection in compliance with the Export Fruit "Acts."

This is to further clarify that apples, pears, and grapes that are clearly identified as being from another country are exempt from the regulations and standards contained in the Export Fruit "Acts." However, if there is reason to believe that a load or lot has been commingled with foreign and domestic products, it shall be inspected as if it were a domestically grown product.

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 shall be certified as they have in the past.

NOTE:

Apples, Pears, and Table Grapes For Export, Inspection Instructions, dated July 1971, are in the process of being revised. Instructions found in paragraph (8)2. "Shipments moving through the United States" are now null and void. Future Handbook Updates will reflect the change in this policy.



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