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# The Pilot Project for the Procurement of Unprocessed Fruits and Vegetables Traceability Requirements

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All vendors participating under the USDA Pilot Project for the procurement of unprocessed fruits and vegetables who indicate they handle fresh fruit and vegetable products originating from sources other than the United States, its territories or possessions, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands must undergo a traceability review. Vendors must provide the Domestic Origin Certification (attachment C, Eligible Vendor Requirements) to the representative of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Services, Specialty Crop Inspection for review. The review will be based on sales volume, and the traceback required.

- The number of reviews required will be based on sales volume.
- The number of tracebacks required per review will be determined based on the following sampling criteria contained in the American National Standards Institute/American Society of Quality Publication Z1.4, "Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes":
  - Each review will consist of an examination of invoices submitted by the vendor for review. The sample units shall be an invoice (per commodity). The inspection level shall be S-2 and the acceptable quality level (AQL), expressed in terms of failures per hundred units, shall be 1.5.

Vendors who fail a traceability review must complete a corrective action report (CAR) and are subject to quarterly rather than annual traceability reviews for one full year, using the same procedure outlined above. All traceability reviews conducted will be at the vendor's expense.

Traceability reviews for vendors that do not import produce from sources outside of the United States, its territories or possessions, or Puerto Rico, as indicated on their Domestic Origin Certification form, will be performed annually.

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