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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

*US Customs and Border Protection is reinforcing that all shipments must have the International phytosanitary certificate if the product requires, so we ask you to send us a copy of the certificate in advance so we can verify that all information is correct before entering U.S. Customs we also recommend the following.*

*The Phytosanitary, must have the exact number and description of cases of product to support this document, this should be done in accordance to the information provided to the entity with which you are applying for this permit, you should know that obtaining a phytosanitary permits here at the border generates an additional cost of \$300.00 US dollars and a SAGARPA's inspector must be present in order to prepare this document. Unfortunately sometimes the person in charge is not always available.*

*Here are some of the products that require phytosanitary:*

- ✓ **Cilantro**
- ✓ **Huazontle, Purslane Herb, Epazote, Verdolaga**
- ✓ **Persian limes**
- ✓ **Rambutan**
- ✓ **Quelite**
- ✓ **Broccoli, Cabbage, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower**
- ✓ **Papayas**
- ✓ **Avocado, Avocado w/Bone**
- ✓ **Coconuts w/Husk**

*Send us a copy of the information in advance of shipments that are scheduled for export so we can review the documentation and save time on the ongoing process; the documents we require are the commercial invoice, NAFTA certificate, estimated time of arrival, carriers SCAC codes. We also need the driver's information it is very important to have his cellular or radio number to maintain contact at all times. Remember that the NAFTA certificate must be submitted for each shipment on arrival at U.S. Customs and is of vital importance because they are strengthening regulations and penalize with a minimum of 20% of the value of the invoice and up to 100% on the value of the invoice.*

*For those who will need our services for the processing of ACE Electronic Manifest we highly recommend to provide a copy of the registration certificate of the truck and trailer, visa laser or passport, driver's license and copy of the DOT numbers to avoid delays and setbacks between the carrier and Mexican Customs.*

*All wooden pallets or crates must contain the international seal of treatment. The seal must be placed on the sides of the pallet not on the top or on the bottom, but on the sides so USDA personnel can locate it easily and quickly to avoid a return, which would represent unnecessary costs.*

*Products like pipicha, guaje, mint, hierba Buena, cilantro, Epazote and other herbs should come clean and free of insects, worms and snails, therefore we recommend that before loading the product and after the cleaning process try a final shake on a table to make sure there is no more bugs, this is a USDA procedure.*

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*All fruits and vegetables like tomatillo, prickly pear, jicama, watermelon, carrots, cabbage to mention a few should arrive to U.S. Customs completely clean without dirt, leaves or seeds because these elements are cause of automatic refusal and increased expenses and downtime.*

*Any product that enters the U.S. Customs packed in plastic boxes, wood, bundles or plastic bags should have the legend on the outside "PRODUCT OF MEXICO" make sure you are not missing*

<b>Product name</b>	<b>Manufacture</b>
<b>Producer</b>	<b>Weight, pounds and kilos</b>

*Cages, wooden crates or protections as the platforms must come with seal treatment. Any wood that comes with the shipment must be checked as well.*

*We ask you to attach on their invoices and / or cross-reference our telephone and radio 956-843-7050 Nextel 145 \* 4 \* 35 879 for the driver to maintain communication with our office for any event or situation that might present*

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