Guide to Exporting Fresh Produce

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The Plant Quarantine Act (1993) and its regulation
- The Plant (Importation) Control (Amendments) Regulation, 2005
- The Citrus Plant (Certification) Regulation, 1999 under the Plant Quarantine Act 1993
- The Agricultural Produce Act (1926)
MANDATE

➢ To ensure that only the highest quality produce is imported into the island and exported to our trading partners.

➢ To ensure that no harmful exotic plant pests are introduced and become established in the island, or, are exported to our trading partners.
EXPORT COMPLEXES (ONE STOP)

- There are two Agricultural Export Complexes operated by the Plant Quarantine Branch located at the International Airports in Kingston and Montego Bay.
Function as one-stop facilities housing all relevant agencies: Airlines, Customs, USDA, MOAF Inspectorate, Fumigation and Accounting staff.

Provides the following services:

- Inspection and certification of agricultural produce for exports
- Cold and Ambient storage
- Preclearance of agricultural produce to the USA
- Fumigation of Solid wood packing material and agricultural produce
  - Yam, Pepper, & Thyme
PACKING HOUSE REQUIREMENTS

See insert on Basic Packing House Requirements
PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION OF EXPORTERS

- Make appointment for the inspection of the packing house with the Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch after all the requirements have been met.
If the packing house is approved, Plant Quarantine /Produce Inspection branch will prepare a letter to the Export Certification Officer at JAMPRO requesting that they proceed with the registration process.
Labelling (minimum)

- Company Name
- Name of Produce
- Weight
- “Produce of Jamaica”
Special Arrangements

U S A – Pre-clearance, FSMA

Canada – Safe Food for Canadians Act

Grand Cayman – Import permit required

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USDA Pre-Clearance Program

Benefits

Expedites Trade
• Minimal Inspection on arrival at US ports
• Facilitates open trade of high risk commodities.
• Avoids rejection or delays upon arrival
• Faster access to markets
Approved Pre-Cleared Products

Jamaican commodities are enterable into the United States under the Pre-Clearance program. (See insert USDA preclearance list)

• These include Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs, Root crops and flowers.
Quarantine Treatment

Mandatory fumigation is required for Peppers, Thyme and Yams as a condition of entry into the United States.
EXPORTING PROCESS

- Make appointment for inspection (24-72hrs)

- Documents required:
  - Customs entry
  - Commercial invoice
  - Letter from JAMPRO
  - Special permits - Coconut, Banana, CITES
PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS

Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch → Jamaica Customs Department → Airline/Wharf
ISPM #15

- Treatment of all solid wood packaging material
- Heat Treatment
- Fumigation (Methyl Bromide)
- IPPC Mark

[Image of IPPC Mark: JM-001 HT]
Main Office (Hope Gardens)
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Export Complex
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  924-8907 (fax)
- Airport, Montego Bay 940-4146
  940-5661 (fax)

Port Antonio – 588-5546
Ocho Rios – 5885535

USDA-APHIS – Kingston – 924-8904
Let us work together to preserve and create new foreign markets for our fresh produce.

THANK YOU