

# Quarantine requirements for the importation of fresh blueberries from Poland to Taiwan

(In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese text and the English translation thereof, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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1. The importation of fresh blueberries (*Vaccinium* spp.) from Poland shall be regulated pursuant to the “Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Plants or Plant Products into the Republic of China” along with the regulations in these Quarantine Requirements.
2. These Quarantine Requirements apply to the fresh fruits of blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.) produced in Poland.
3. The terms used in these Quarantine Requirements are defined as follows :
  - 3.1 IP: INTEGROWANA PRODUKCJA-Integrated Plant Production (IP).
  - 3.2 Supplying orchard: Production site on which blueberries are to be grown. Multiple varieties of blueberries could be grown at one site.
  - 3.3 Lot: Set of units or packages of blueberries to be exported to Taiwan.
  - 3.4 Export season: Season of the export of blueberries produced in Poland, from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> October of the following year.
  - 3.5 Packing house: Place for storing, sorting and packing blueberries to be exported to Taiwan.
4. Requirements for supplying orchards
  - 4.1 The supplying orchards crops must be IP certified and the supplying orchards have to keep traceable records of blueberries to be exported to Taiwan/Republic of China. The National Plant Protection Organization of Poland (hereinafter referred to as NPPO of Poland) and the plant quarantine authority of Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as NPPO of Taiwan) may check the certification.

- 4.2 Supplying orchards shall meet the aforementioned requirements and registered with the NPPO of Poland. This register action shall include the orchard code and name of a producer, along with the identification of the province and county where the supplying orchard is located.
- 4.3 The grower of the supplying orchards shall conduct pest detection and take control measures of *Drosophila suzukii*, *Frankliniella occidentalis*, *Pseudomonas viridiflava* and other pests under the supervision of NPPO of Poland. Moreover, records of pest control measures shall be maintained for audit.
5. Requirements for packinghouses
- 5.1 Packinghouses shall be registered by the NPPO of Poland.
- 5.2 Packinghouses shall be equipped with insect-proof equipment. Windows or air holes must be covered with a screen of fine meshes with diameter of 1.6 mm or less. Entrances or doors shall be equipped with air curtains (where air is blown downwards), rubber curtains, or other insect-proof equipment.
- 5.3 Packinghouses shall be equipped with fresh fruits sorting apparatus and sufficient light to perform inspections.
- 5.4 Packinghouses shall have at least one qualified technician, who is able to identify blueberry fruits infested by pests, and is involved in the sorting and selection of blueberries for exporting to Taiwan. Pest monitoring and control in registered packinghouse of blueberries intended for export to Taiwan will be carried out under instruction by the technicians. Complete training records of the technicians provided by NPPO of Poland or related information must be kept in the packinghouses for audit.
- 5.5 Packinghouses shall provide adequate space, apparatuses and equipment to facilitate plant health inspectors to perform inspections, pest identification and other required work.
- 5.6 Prior to the start of the packing process each year, appropriate pest control measures shall be taken to remove quarantine pests inside the packinghouse.

If necessary, sterilization measures shall be performed to ensure sanitation in the packinghouse.

- 5.7 The packinghouse shall confirm that the blueberries to be exported to Taiwan which they have packed are from supplying orchards which meet the aforementioned requirements. Blueberries not sourced from supplying orchards meeting the aforementioned requirements must not be packed and exported to Taiwan. If blueberries from other orchards which do not register to produce blueberries to Taiwan are stored inside the cold storage warehouse at the same time, a space that is properly separated shall be provided for storing blueberries to be exported to Taiwan.
  - 5.8 If the boxes used for packaging of blueberries intended for export to Taiwan have air holes, these air holes shall be sealed with a screen of fine meshes having diameters of 1.6 mm or less, or the transport shall be conducted in completely sealed conditions to prevent pest infestation.
  - 5.9 Inspectors of the NPPO of Poland shall inspect the packinghouses each year prior to the start of the packing process and confirm that they comply with these Quarantine Requirements.
  - 5.10 Six weeks prior to the blueberry export season every year, the NPPO of Poland shall provide the list and codes of the registered packinghouses that meet the aforementioned requirements to the NPPO of Taiwan.
6. Preselection procedures
- 6.1 Blueberries shall be sorted by packinghouse staffs under supervision of trained technician before packaging, in order to remove all deformed or damaged fruits. All sampling and inspection records shall be properly maintained.
  - 6.2 Culled blueberries shall be placed in containers and discarded or destroyed every day. All the security measures implemented by the packinghouses in the packing process shall be supervised by the NPPO of Poland.

- 6.3 Measures shall be taken to prevent pest infestation while packaged blueberries are shipped from packinghouses to airplanes, vessels or containers.
7. Export inspection procedure
- 7.1 Packaged blueberries must be inspected by the inspectors of the NPPO of Poland.
- 7.2 The sampling standard is as follows:
- 7.2.1 At least 2% of total number of boxes of this lot of blueberries must be sampled.
- 7.2.2 All blueberries of each sampled box must be inspected.
- 7.2.3 All suspicious of infested fruits must be taken and cut for inspection.
- 7.3 If any quarantine pests are found during inspection, the given lot will be rejected for exportation to Taiwan.
8. Export certification activities
- 8.1 The name or code number of the packinghouse must be marked on the packing box.
- 8.2 The export phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Poland shall accompany the blueberries that passed the inspection for exporting to Taiwan.
- 8.3 The export phytosanitary certificate shall contain the following additional declaration: This lot of blueberries has been inspected and found free of *Frankliniella occidentalis*.
- 8.4 If the relevant requirements established by the NPPO of Taiwan have been changed, the previous additional declaration shall be amended in accordance with the new requirements.
- 8.5 The export phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Poland shall not only contain the contents of item 8.3 of this Article, but also contain the information of the packinghouse (name or code).
- 8.6 Fresh blueberries, which have passed the export inspection and for which the phytosanitary certificate has been issued, shall be exported within 14 days. If

not, a further inspection shall be conducted and a new export phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Poland must be issued before export.

9. Requirements for transportation

9.1 Blueberries to be exported to Taiwan and transiting through third countries or districts must follow the “Quarantine Requirements for Transshipment of Plants or Plant Products through Countries or Districts Where The Quarantine Pests are Known to Occur” of Taiwan.

9.2 During shipping and upon arrival, the seal of the container shall not be broken by anyone other than the NPPO of Poland, the NPPO of Poland or the NPPO of Taiwan inspectors or other authorized personnel of governmental agencies.

10. Import inspection procedure

10.1 The NPPO of Taiwan shall verify that the export phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Poland complies with these Quarantine Requirements.

10.2 If the consignment is not accompanied by the export phytosanitary certificate issued by the NPPO of Poland, or the contents listed on the export phytosanitary certificate do not meet these Quarantine Requirements or other related regulations, the correct phytosanitary certificate must be re-submitted; otherwise the consignment shall be returned or destroyed.

10.3 The procedures, methods, and the sampling for import inspection shall comply with the “Plant Protection and Quarantine Act” of the Republic of China and relevant quarantine regulations.

10.4 If any other significant quarantine plant pest occurs in Poland, and if the NPPO of Taiwan considers that it poses risks to the production safety of Taiwan’s agricultural production, the implementation of these Quarantine Requirements may be suspended by the NPPO of Taiwan at any time.

10.5 In the case of specific facts of repeated or serious violations of regulations in packing house, the NPPO of Taiwan will temporarily suspend the qualification of the packing house for export blueberries to Taiwan until the NPPO of Poland has investigated and has adopted effective remedial

measures, and has obtained approval from the NPPO of Taiwan.

## 11. Special requirements

11.1 First year of the commencement of trade of fresh blueberries from Poland to Taiwan, the NPPO of Poland shall officially invite the NPPO of Taiwan to dispatch inspector(s) to Poland to perform the on-site inspection and verification.

11.2 From the second year of the commencement of trade of fresh blueberries from Poland to Taiwan, the NPPO of Poland shall undertake the on-site auditing, and the auditing report must be provided to the NPPO of Taiwan within one month after the inspection. If pests of concern by the NPPO of Taiwan be recorded at export inspection or intercepted at import inspection in the previous export season, the on-site auditing should be conducted by the NPPO of Taiwan.

11.3 All expenses related to inspection and verification shall be borne by the NPPO of Poland.