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This notice is to inform concerned parties of the requirements that must be met for the approval of “manipulation of shipment” housed by a container, designated as Instruments of International Traffic (19CFR10.41), found to contain prohibited noxious weed seeds as defined by USDA.

The following procedures apply **ONLY** when the container structure itself has been found to contain prohibited noxious weeds (as defined by USDA) and not the cargo/shipment.

1. Submission of CBP form **3499 (Manipulation Form)** requesting approval for separation of merchandise housed within a container prohibited from movement within U.S. due to potential risk to commerce.
2. Request will include proper safeguards to control and isolate designated container and clearly state manipulation will be performed in a secured bonded area, i.e. pier and the name and bond number of the party accepting responsibility.
3. Notice to carrier, at container level, via Sea AMS will be posted listing container number and continued enforcement hold until exportation.
4. Any movement of a container after manipulation of merchandise and prior to re-exportation will require approval of a Customs & Border Protection Agriculture Officer.

For further information...

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/

http://cbpnet.cbp.dhs.gov/linkhandler/cbpnet/ofo/officer_tools/unified_secondary/reference/seeds.ctt/seeds.doc

http://cbpnet.cbp.dhs.gov/linkhandler/cbpnet/ofo/officer_tools/unified_secondary/reference/new_ag.ctt/new_ag.doc

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