



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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To: Customs Brokers, Terminal Operators, Vessel Agents, Airlines, Importers, Freight Forwarders, Carriers, Partner Government Agencies, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agriculture Risk Based Sampling Pilot.

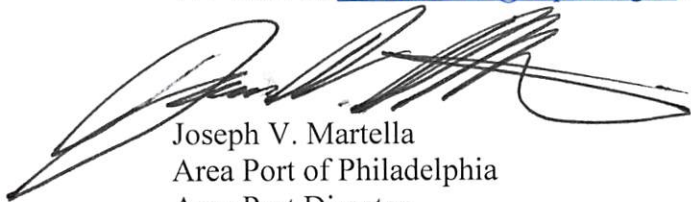
The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are testing or piloting risk-based sampling inspectional procedures at U.S. ports of entry for certain perishable cargo commodities regulated by APHIS. The goal of risk-based sampling is to enable CBP agriculture specialists (CBPAS) to focus and prioritize inspection activities on commodities with higher pest risks.

In September 2018, CBP and APHIS successfully launched the risk-based sampling pilot at numerous land border ports of entry, and in 2019 and 2020, the pilot program was expanded to the seaports of New York/New Jersey, Port of San Diego, and Port Hueneme. The risk based sampling procedures have benefited the trade community by expediting the clearance of compliant, lower-risk commodities.

On or about March 9, 2020, CBPAS at the Port of Philadelphia, PA and the Port of Wilmington, DE will pilot risk based sampling inspectional procedures to maximize the effectiveness of port agriculture cargo inspections and ensure consistency. Initially, the risk based sampling inspectional procedures will be implemented on pineapples from Costa Rica; however, commodities may change, if agreed upon by APHIS and CBP. The trade community will not need to make any changes to their procedures for entering and clearing cargo with CBP; however, expeditious entry filing will afford CBP ample time to coordinate with terminal operators as the commodity inspectional requirements and procedures will be modified.

This trial or pilot will not impact the commodities that are eligible for the National Agriculture Release Program (NARP).

Questions regarding this trade notice and/or address any other CBP Agriculture service within the Area Port of Philadelphia can be directed to Chief Agriculture Specialist, Elliot Ortiz at 215-717-5827 or elliott.n.ortiz@cbp.dhs.gov .



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