

**PROCEDURE FOR THE BERRY FRUITS EXPORT FROM
MEXICO TO CHINA BY LAND-SEA MODALITY
BETWEEN SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEXICAN UNITED STATES AND
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

In order to safely export berry fruits from Mexico to China by Land-Sea Modality, Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER) of the Mexican United States, represented by the National Service for Agri-Food Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC), based on exchanged views have reached consensus as follows:

Paragraph 1

Berry fruits by Land-Sea Modality must meet all articles signed between Mexico and China on the "Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for the Export of Blackberry and Raspberry Fruit from Mexico to China", signed in Beijing on November 13, 2014, and the "Protocol of Phytosanitary Requirements for the Export of Blueberry Fruit from Mexico to China", signed in Mexico City on November 25, 2016.

SADER represented by SENASICA must inspect the berry fruits and issue the Phytosanitary Certification according to the requirements on the relevant Protocols, with an additional declaration in the Phytosanitary Certificate specifying the shipment of "Land-Sea Modality", the record of the shipment route and identification number of the pallet.

Paragraph 2

Packages of berry fruits by Land-Sea Modality must be palletized in local registered packinghouses, and each pallet must be covered completely by thermal cover/plastic film or insect proof mesh with openings no greater than 1.6 mm. Each pallet must bear an identification number and "Land-Sea Modality" (in English) on the outside of the cover/plastic film or the

mesh covering each pallet.

The thermal cover/plastic film or insect proof mesh will not be opened during the transit (including loading and unloading at the port), a security tape will be placed and the pallets will be labeled "In bond"; with this label the shipment will not be inspected in the border between Mexico and the United States of America (USA).

The package conditions must be kept until their arrival to entry port of China. Any pallets not meeting all safety conditions (such as broken mesh or plastic film or thermal cover, etc.) shall not be allowed entry to China.

Paragraph 3

Berry fruits by Land-Sea Modality must be transported by airproof refrigerated truck or container in land and be stored separately in cool storage at Seaport.

At least one recording electronic device (Locus Traxx) must be deposited in one of the pallets on each shipment for recording the temperature and duration of shipment, and the loading data should be available for China Customs in the entry port of China. If abnormal temperature record is detected, China Customs will conduct inspection with some additional samples. In some cases, the consignment shall be returned, destroyed or quarantined, if alive pest is detected.

Paragraph 4

Berry fruits by Land-Sea Modality should have a Permit from the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America to transit through the United States of America, and no pallet will be opened for inspection in the ports of Mexico or USA.

Paragraph 5

During the implementation of the Land-Sea Modality, if any quarantine issue is found, GACC will suspend this program immediately and restart the relevant Pest Risk Analysis.

This Procedure shall enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain valid for a period of two years, renewable automatically for equal periods of time, unless either Party decides to terminate it by notifying the other in written at least two months in advance.

This Procedure was signed in Mexico City on the 3rd of December 2019, in duplicate in Spanish, Chinese and English, all texts having equal standing and the translation into English prevailing in the event of any interpretation discrepancies.

**On behalf of
The Secretariat of Agriculture and
Rural Development of the Mexican
United States**



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