

The United States authorizes to import Hass avocado from Jalisco

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The National Agro-alimentary Health, Safety and Quality Service (SENASICA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) agreed to sign the Operational Work Plan (PTO) for the export of Avocado from Mexico to the United States, whose initial scope involves certified orchards in Jalisco, reported the Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development.

He stressed the signing of the PTO will have a positive impact on the families dedicated to the production of this fruit in Mexico and will benefit all those who participate in the productive chain, in addition to generating foreign exchange for our country.

Agencies of the Secretariat of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), respectively, developed the PTO at the request of avocado producers, packers and exporters, who expressed their willingness to participate in the export program and comply with the established in this document.

The federal agency indicated that the Work Plan for the Export of Avocado from Michoacán to the United States was signed in 1997; after 24 years of continuous work and thanks to the work of producers, packers, phytosanitary authorities and service providers, because with pest-free fruits, it was possible to expand exports.

The signing of this Work Plan allows interested producers in Jalisco to begin carrying out the work to be in a position to export during the next season, in April 2022, he noted.

One of the requirements to be met is that regions must have the status of quarantine pest-free zones (avocado screwworms); reason why, the SENASICA expects exports will begin with Jalisco and will continue with the State of Mexico and Nayarit, the main producers of avocado, after Michoacán.

To this end, the Agriculture organization will implement a strategic program for the phytosanitary authorities of both countries to certify orchards and packaging of Jalisco, in compliance with the Work Plan.

Work Plan to export to the United States

Products from orchards approved in Mexico, produced and packaged under this Work Plan, may be exported to the 50 entities in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The Work Plan is a guide for exporting Hass avocado from Mexico to that market, and it establishes the requirements producers interested in certifying their orchards must meet to be eligible for the marketing of their product, explained the Secretariat of Agriculture.

The document establishes the procedures to be performed in municipalities, orchards, and packing plants, as well as the responsibilities of APHIS, the SENASICA's General Directorate of Plant Health, producers, packers and verification units, authorized by the Mexican Accreditation Entity (EMA).

It also explains how the fruit should be harvested and transported to the packaging plants, as well as the phytosanitary inspection procedures in Mexico, and finally, it explains the requirements for SENASICA to issue the International Phytosanitary Certificate; their transfer to the border, the U.S. border inspection, shipping restrictions, and pest identification.

In behalf of the Secretariat of agriculture, the document was signed by the Director General of Plant Health of the SENASICA, Francisco Ramírez y Ramírez, and the Deputy Administrator of APHIS, Osama El-Lissy signed in behalf of the USDA.

The federal agency stressed that it is currently in negotiations with Brazil, Malaysia, China, South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cuba and Chile, and soon with Australia and Thailand, in order to open more markets for Mexican fruit.

Mexico exports 1.3 million tons of avocados to 51 nations

Mexico is the largest avocado producer in the world, with a volume exceeding 2.3 million tons, in 2020, which represents 32 percent of this fruit world's production.

Avocado is available in our country all year long, guaranteeing fresh product, both for the domestic market and for exports.

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achieving sales of more than three thousand 463 million dollars, of which 83.5 percent corresponds to fresh fruit, 8.9 percent to guacamole, 5.5 percent to oil and 2.1 percent to avocado pulp.

The main producer is Michoacán, with more than 1.8 million tons, followed by Jalisco, with 248 thousand tons, State of Mexico, with more than 118 thousand tons, and Nayarit, which produces almost 70 thousand tons a year.

The United States is the main consumer of Mexican avocado, followed by Canada, Japan, Spain, the Netherlands, France, United Kingdom, Honduras, El Salvador, China and South Korea, among others.

Jalisco exports avocado to 29 nations, including Canada, Japan, as well as the European Union, and the 24 SENASICA's certified packers sent 350 thousand tons of fresh fruit to those destinations between 2018 and 2021, representing 46 percent of its production.