

**DATE – 3/31/10**

**COUNTRY - CUBA**

SUMMARY REFERENCE - Same

APPROVED NAME - CUBA

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COMMODITY - GRAPES

BOTANICAL NAME – *Vitis vinifera*

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PRODUCT FORM – Fruit

PHYTO FORM - Fed

IMPORT PERMIT - Yes

RESTRICTIONS - Prohibited

**SUMMARY INFO - (From CA - Except - Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties - grapes are not allowed to be shipped from these counties).**

Import permit and Federal Phytosanitary Certificate Required. **DO NOT CERTIFY UNLESS AN IMPORT PERMIT IS PRESENTED AND ALL CONDITIONS CAN BE MET.** (Import permits have typically 2 pages).

Packing material must be new. Approved packing materials are: cork, paper, paper pulp, plastics, or other synthetic material. Points of entry - Port of Havana, or port of Santiago.

Container must be sealed at origin. The seal may be: an APHIS seal, a state's Department of Agriculture seal or a shipping company's seal.

The Phytosanitary Certificate must include:

- State and county of origin must appear in Block 13 - Place of Origin.
- Container numbers (or truck license if no container) and seal numbers must be noted in Block 12 - Distinguishing Marks

**AD REQUIRED (PER IMPORT PERMIT & EXCERPT):**

“Import permit number \_\_\_ was presented.

The grapes in this shipment meet the phytosanitary entry requirements of the Republic of Cuba and are free of the pests specified by the Republic of Cuba.”

**OV REQUIRED:** The grapes are free from (and comes from a place free from); *Ceratitis capitata*, *Anastrepha ludens*, *Anastrepha serpentina*, *Anastrepha fraterculus*, *Hyphantria cunea*, *Cydia pomonella*, *Cydia molesta*, *Brevipalpus lewisii*, *Frankliniella occidentalis*, *Popillia japonica*, *Ostrinia nubilalis*, *Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, AND *Maconellicoccus hirsutus*.  
The shipment is free from foreign matter and soil.

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PHYTO TO CUBA – GRAPES PER IMPORT PERMIT

- **SHIPPER MUST FAX A COPY OF THE COMPLETED & SIGNED PHYTO TO THE KERN CO AG OFFICE AT (661) 868-6301 (Attention: Lanette bankston/Raymond valles/Darin Heard).**
- **WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW THE EXIT PORT (Which port the shipment is leaving the USA).**
- Phytosanitary Certificate MUST accompany the shipment.
- Acceptable exit Ports: Gulfport, MS, Jacksonville, FL, Norfolk, Va
- EXPORTERS - Please note: if shipments are mixed with products not intended for Cuba see next page for \*commingling information.

At the port of departure

- All seals MUST be verified at the port of departure, prior to loading containers on the vessel, regardless of whether any transloading occurs. Coordination of verifying seals and/or transloading is the exporter's responsibility (may differ depending on port policy).
- USDA - PPQ must supervise transloading and sealing of the container(s). The seal may be: an APHIS seal, a state's Department of Agriculture seal, or a shipping company's seal.
- USDA-PPQ will issue a new Phytosanitary Certificate. Container numbers and seal numbers must be noted in Block 12 - Distinguishing Marks.

**Exporter's Responsibility**

- The packaging must have labels and markings on the outside that indicate the content and the origin. The identity of the commodity must be maintained to allow tracing of the shipment to the point of origin.
- The exporter must ensure that, once phytosanitary certification has been provided, the seals are not broken. The exporter must coordinate multi-agency inspections, i.e. with US Customs, in order to avoid the breaking of seals after the Federal Phytosanitary Certificate is issued. Shipments arriving in the Republic of Cuba with broken seals may be refused entry.
- Fumigation of shipments found infested with harmful organisms is not an option in the Republic of Cuba. If harmful organisms are detected at the port of entry the shipment may be destroyed or refused entry.
- The exporter must provide appropriate container arrival notification information and coordinate transloading and seal verification activities with PPQ in Gulfport, MS, Norfolk, VA, and Jacksonville, FL.

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- **INSTRUCTIONS FOR \*Commingled shipments:** for shipments of grapes which contain grapes for domestic use & some destined for Cuba - the domestic grapes must be either inspected just like the ones for Cuba, Or a barrier must be in the shipping container, that physically separates the domestic grapes from the ones destined for Cuba. Note: the Cuba cargo MUST be available to be unloaded 1<sup>st</sup> out of the container with the domestic ones being unloaded last from the container. **Exporters note: if shipments are mixed with products not intended for Cuba, phyto certification may be refused at the port of export even if all other requirements for the Cuban protocol have been met.**

**COUNTY AG MUST -**

- Fax a copy of the Phytosanitary Certificate AND call the port of exit, to notify them about the shipment. Give a brief explanation and the FPC number, etc.

PORT	Port Contact	Phone #	Fax #
Gulfport, MS	Pam Strecker	(228) 822-3136	(228) 822-3132
Jacksonville, FL	Operations Officer	(904) 620-9501	(904) 620-9496
Norfolk, Va	Karen Williams	(757) 441-3211	(757) 441-6267

SUBSIDIARY INFO -Phytosanitary inspection must be done within 30 days of shipping.