



September 26, 2017

Dr. Hoàng Trung  
Director General  
Plant Protection Department  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dear Dr. Hoàng Trung,

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi.

I am writing in follow up to correspondence sent to you today by the APHIS/Manila Office to provide you in hardcopy the attached letter from Ms. Andrea Simao, Assistant Deputy Administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM) staff dated September 25, 2017 regarding the signed Operational Work Plan Addendum for Vietnamese Star Apple Fruits exported to the United States.

As always, thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert Hanson", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Robert H. Hanson  
Counselor for Agricultural Affairs  
U.S. Embassy, Hanoi

Cc:

Mr. George Ball, Area Director, USDA/APHIS/Manila  
Mr. Tran Kim Long, Director General, International Cooperation Department, MARD

Attachments as noted



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Dear Dr. Hoàng Trung:

We are writing in response to your September 12, 2017, letter regarding the Operational Work Plan Addendum for Vietnamese star apple imported to the United States.

Enclosed please find the bilaterally signed Operational Work Plan Addendum for Vietnamese star apple imported to the United States. APHIS has also started the process of updating the import manual, and will work on other necessary administrative requirements. We will keep you updated on the progress on these last tasks.

APHIS is pleased with our continued collaboration on this and other issues of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea B. Simao".

Andrea B. Simao  
Assistant Deputy Administrator  
Phytosanitary Issues Management  
Office of the Deputy Administrator

Enclosure: VN signed OWP starfruit.pdf

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## Operational Work Plan Addendum for Irradiation Treatment of Articles from Vietnam into the Continental United States

### 1. ARTICLES (GROWN AND PACKED IN VIETNAM) INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM:

Fresh star apple fruit (*Chrysophyllum cainito*)

### 2. QUARANTINE PEST(S) AND REQUIRED MITIGATION MEASURES:

Table 1

Quarantine Pest(s)	Mitigation Measure
<i>Bactrocera carambolae</i> (DIPTERA:Tephritidae)	Irradiation treatment of minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy (T-105-a-2 per PPQ Treatment Manual)
<i>Bactrocera dorsalis</i> (DIPTERA:Tephritidae)	
<i>Lawana conspersa</i> (HEMIPTERA: Flatidae)	
<i>Icerya purchasi</i> (HEMIPTERA: Margarodidae)	
<i>Dysmicoccus neobrevipes</i> (HEMIPTERA: Pseudococcidae)	
<i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> (HEMIPTERA: Pseudococcidae)	
<i>Planococcus lilacinus</i> (HEMIPTERA: Pseudococcidae)	
<i>Pseudococcus cryptus</i> (HEMIPTERA: Pseudococcidae)	

In order to mitigate the risk associated with target quarantine pests as listed above, the product must be irradiated with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy (T-105-a-2 per PPQ Treatment Manual) to be applied in accordance with 7 CFR 305.9 at an APHIS certified treatment facility in Vietnam.

In addition to irradiation treatment, star apple fruit (*Chrysophyllum cainito*) from Vietnam may be exported to the continental United States under the following conditions:

- The fruit must be commercially produced and be part of a commercial consignment as defined in 7 CFR Section 319.56-2;
- Each consignment must be inspected and accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the NPPO of Vietnam;
- Each consignment may be subject to port of entry verification of documents.

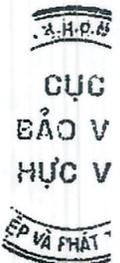
### 3. EXPORT INSPECTION:

#### 3.1 The department must:

- Perform a pre-treatment inspection of the fruit utilizing the sampling and inspection protocol described below, or document and describe an equivalent process to ensure specified levels of detection;

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- If requested by the exporter, provide pest identification services for plant pests detected during pre-treatment inspectional activity so that immediate decisions can be made regarding any lot in question;
- Document and record all sampling and inspection activities and provide records to APHIS at the end of the shipping season or upon request;
- Prior to treatment, a sample must be drawn and inspected to ensure that the articles are free from non-target pests and have low infestation levels of target pests of concern. Sampling and inspection protocols should provide the following levels of detection and confidence:
  - 95% confidence of detecting a 2-3% or greater pest population
- Utilize the following sampling protocol:
  - Sample **150 fruits** randomly from throughout the lot
  - Visually inspect each fruit in the sample drawn;
  - To inspect for internal pests, **set aside and cut both flesh and seed of all suspect fruit OR cut a minimum of 30 fruit randomly selected from throughout the sample, whichever is greater.**



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**3.2 Actions to take based on inspection findings of quarantine pests in Vietnam:**

Target/Non-Target	Pest	Number Found	Action
Target Quarantine Pest	Tephritidae	1 or more	Reject lot
	Internal Lepidoptera	1	Certify lot
		2 or more	Reject lot
	Other Internal Pests (not Tephritidae or Lepidoptera)	1 or more	Certify lot and notify Area Director
	Target External Pest	1	Certify lot
2 or more		Certify lot and notify Area Director	
Non-Target Quarantine Pests	Non-Target Quarantine Pest (ex. adults and pupae of Lepidoptera, or snails)	1 or more	Reject lot
Non-Target Quarantine Pathogens	Quarantine Pathogens	1 or more	Reject lot

**Addendum Approval**

*Joseph Smythe*

**Director,  
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*9-22-2017*

Date



**Director General  
Plant Protection Division  
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Date