

Commodity Import Requirements

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Coconut from All Countries except Costa Rica, Jamaica and Mexico into All Ports

This document contains current import requirements for the selected article(s) from a designated country or region into one or more designated ports.

Header

Commodities: Cocos nucifera

Common/Approved Name: Coconut

Synonym:

Port Groups: All Ports

Afghanistan
Aland Islands
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Anguilla (United Kingdom)
Antarctica
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Aruba (the Netherlands)
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bermuda (United Kingdom)
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bonaire, Saba, Sint Eustatius (the Netherlands)
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Bouvet Island (Norway)
Brazil
British Indian Ocean Territory (United Kingdom)
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso

Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Cayman Islands (United Kingdom)
Central African Republic
Chad
Channel Islands
Chile
China
Christmas Island (Australia)
Cocos (Keeling) Islands (Australia)
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Congo, the Democratic Republic of the
Cook Islands (New Zealand)
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Curacao
Cyprus
Czechia
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Eswatini
Ethiopia
Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) (United Kingdom)
Faroe Islands (Denmark)
Fiji
Finland
France
French Guiana
French Polynesia (France)
French Southern Territories (France)
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Gibraltar (United Kingdom)
Greece
Greenland (Denmark)
Grenada
Guadeloupe
Guatemala
Guernsey (United Kingdom)
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

Countries:

Haiti
Holy See
Home Island
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ireland
Isle of Man
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jersey (United Kingdom)
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Kosovo
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Macao
Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Malta
Marshall Islands
Martinique
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mayotte
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Moldova, Republic of
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Montserrat (United Kingdom)
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru

Nepal
Netherlands
New Caledonia (France)
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Niue (New Zealand)
Norfolk Island (Australia)
North Macedonia
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Palau
Palestinian Authority, West Bank
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Pitcairn
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Reunion
Rodrigues Island
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Barthelemy
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Martin (French part)
Saint Pierre and Miquelon (France)
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (United Kingdom)
South Sudan
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Svalbard and Jan Mayen (Norway)
Sweden

Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Tahiti
Taiwan
Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tokelau (New Zealand)
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Turks and Caicos Islands (United Kingdom)
Tuvalu
Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Upper Volta
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Vatican City
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Virgin Islands, British (United Kingdom)
Wallis and Futuna (France)
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Plant Part:

Processed State:

Intended Use:

Pest: Cocadviroid coconut cadang-cadang viroid

Pest Group:

Important Information

1 This document describes the import requirements for coconuts harvested in all countries except Costa Rica, Jamaica, and Mexico. This applies to coconuts that either:

- Have their husks completely removed **OR**
- Have husks but lack any liquid

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- The coconut seed consists of the hard-shelled, woody-textured endocarp, enclosing the pulp (endosperm) and liquid (milk or water). The coconut seed is three-angled, with three large, slightly sunken pores; the coconut seed is smaller than the coconut fruit.

- The coconut fruit is comprised of the epicarp (also called exocarp) layer, the middle mesocarp layer, and the inner endocarp layer, all of which encloses the coconut nut or seed. Coconut fruit is botanically classified as a drupe (See the definition below under the glossary section). The coconut of commerce is the fruit with the husk removed. The coconut fruit with liquid is viable and capable of sprouting. Coconut pulp and milk can be used as food. Examples of coconuts with labeled parts are shown below under the commodity information section.
- Coconuts are regulated to prevent the entry of lethal yellowing and cadangcadang disease.

3 Immature coconuts are **bright green in color** and if cracked open are filled mostly with coconut water and little coconut meat. The husk slowly turns to brown as the fruits mature. At peak maturity, when the coconut meat has hardened, the outer husk is solid brown throughout.

Import Requirements

1

Coconut with Husk and Milk (liquid)

1.1 No permit is required for this commodity. Letter of No Permit required is optional and may facilitate clearance of the commodity through the port of entry. To obtain a Letter of No Permit required go to [APHIS eFile](#).

1.2 This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7 CFR 319.56-3](#).

1.3 The coconuts from these countries **are admissible if they:**

- contain no liquid **OR**
- contain liquid **BUT**
 - the husks were completely removed **AND**
 - the coconuts have NOT sprouted

1.4 Consignment must contain adequate information for inspectors to verify that the coconuts were harvested in a country other than Costa Rica, Jamaica, or Mexico.

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Immature coconuts

2.1 No permit is required for this commodity. Letter of No Permit required is optional and may facilitate clearance of the commodity through the port of entry. To obtain a Letter of No Permit required go to [APHIS eFile](#).

2.2 This commodity is subject to inspection at the port of entry and all general requirements of [7 CFR 319.56-3](#).

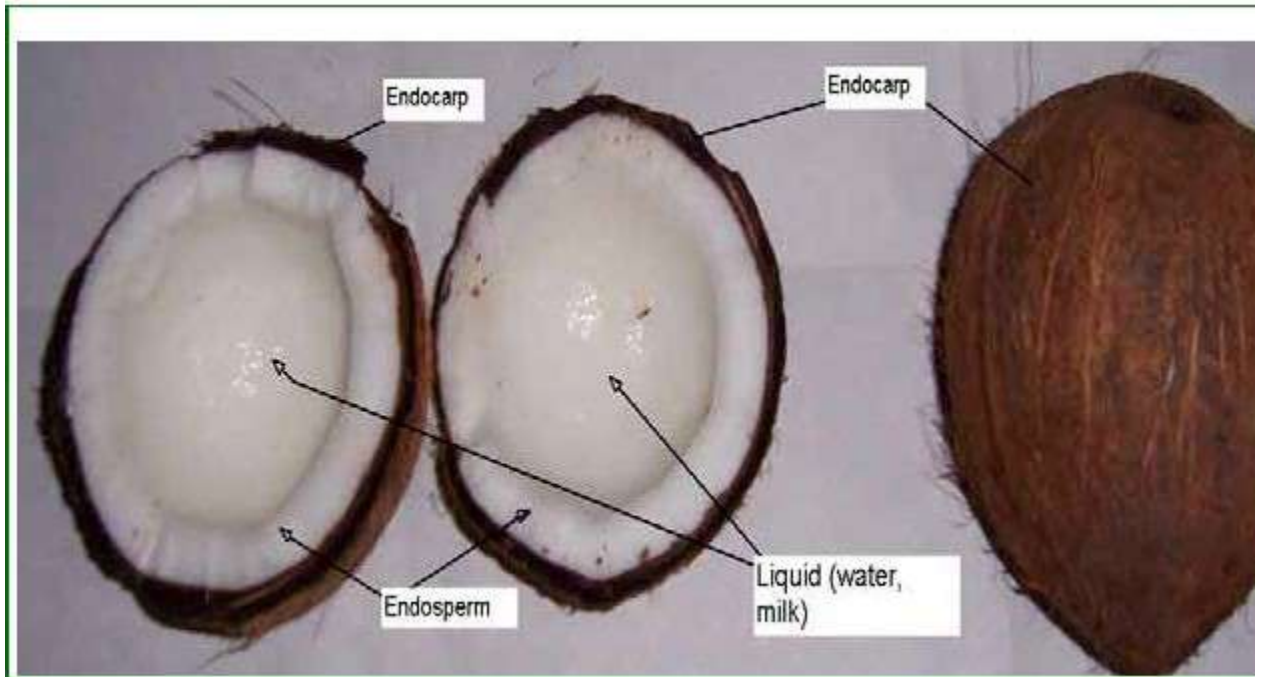
2.3 The fruit must be immature AND at least 75% (3/4) of the green, outer shell of the husk removed.

Authority

| Name | Description | Statute URL |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 7 CFR 319.Subpart L | Subpart L-Fruits and Vegetables | https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=9a23ef261556cf11bd3cf842c0316cea&mc=true&node=pt7.5.319&rgn= |
| 7 CFR | Subpart | |

Commodity Information

Coconut Seed



Coconut Fruit with Seed Section (Husk includes epicarp, mesocarp)



Examples of coconuts with the husk partially removed.



Related Documents

| Document Name | Document Type |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Coconut from Mexico into All Ports | Commodity Import Requirements |

Glossary

| Name | Definition |
|-------|------------|
| Drupe | |
| Husk | |