

LIST OF ADMISSIBLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM MEXICO

A. The following items are admissible from Mexico into the entire United States (includes Continental United States, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) without a USDA import permit.

- Banana**
- Cannonball fruit**
- Coconut (without husk or without "milk")**
- Cyperus corm**
- Lily bulb, edible**
- Macadamia kernels (without husk or shell)**
- Maguey**
- Mushroom (fresh)**
- Peanut (raw) (Prohibited from China, Cote d' Ivoire, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, and Upper Volta)**
- St. Johnsbread**
- Tamarind bean pod**
- Truffle (fresh)**
- Waterchestnut**
- Waternut**

In addition to the above items, other food materials including such items as dried beans and peas dried seeds, dried bamboo leaves, dried herbs, and similar commodities are admissible for food purposes and may be imported without permit from all sources into any port subject to inspection on arrival. Dried nuts without fleshy or leathery husk (except acorns, chestnuts, coconuts, and macadamia nuts) are enterable for food purposes without permit at all ports, subject to inspection.

B. The following items are admissible from all areas of Mexico with a USDA import permit issued in advance of the shipment. Permits are issued only to U.S. importers.

1. Admissible into the entire United States (includes Continental United States, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands):

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| <u>Allium</u> spp. | Beet |
| Amaranthus (leaf & stem) | Blackberry (fruit) |
| Anise (leaf & stem) | Blueberry (fruit) |
| Arrowhead | Borage (above ground parts) |
| Arrowroot | <u>Brassica</u> spp. |
| Artichoke, globe (immature flower head) | Burdock |
| Artichoke, Jerusalem | Cacao bean pod |
| <u>Artocarpus</u> spp. | Carrot |
| Arugula (leaf & stem) | Cassava |
| Asparagus | Celery (leaf, stem, root) |
| Avocado¹ | Ceriman |
| Ayale | Chickpea (pod or shelled) |
| Banana (flower, fruit, leaf) (no permit) | <u>Chichorium</u> spp. |
| Basil (above ground parts) | Cilantro |
| Bay (leaf & stem) | Corn, green |
| Bean (pod or shelled) | Cucurbit (flower, fruit)² |
| Bean sprouts | Dasheen |

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Date (permit not required)³
Dill (above ground parts)
Durian
Eggplant
Ginger root
Grape³
Grapefruit⁴
Horseradish (to Hawaii T101(l²))
Jicama
Lambsquarters (above ground parts)
Lemon³
Lettuce
Lime (sour)
Litchi³
Lotus root
Mango⁵
Mangosteen³
Marjoram
Mint
Naranjilla³
Okra (pod), T101(p²)
Orange, sweet⁴
Oregano (Origanum spp.) (above ground parts)
Palm heart
Papache
Papaya (prohibited from the Mexican state of Chiapas and into Hawaii)
Parsley (whole plant)
Parsnip
Pea (pod or shelled)

Pepper³
Persian limes
Pigeon pea (pod or shelled)
Pineapple (prohibited into Hawaii)
Piper spp. (leaf & stem)⁶
Porophyllum spp. (above ground parts)
Prickley pear (fruit, pad)³
Purslane
Radish
Rampion
Raspberry (fruit)
Rhubarb
Roselle (calyx)
Rosemary (above ground parts)
Rutabaga
Sage
Salsify
Spinach
Strawberry
Swiss chard
Tangerine⁴
Tarragon (above ground parts)
Tepeguaje
Thyme (above ground parts)
Tomatillo
Tomato
Tuna (fruit)
Turnip
Watercress
Yam, T101(f³)
Yam bean (pod & root)

2. Admissible into North Atlantic ports - (Atlantic ports north of and including Baltimore; ports on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway; Canadian border ports east of and including North Dakota; Washington, DC (including Dulles for air shipments):

Apple⁷, T107(b)
Cherry⁷, T107(b)
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Grapefruit⁷, T107

Orange, sweet⁷, T107
Peaches⁷, T107(b)
Plum⁷, T107(b)
Tangerine⁷, T107(b)

3. Admissible into Mexican Borders Ports only:

Olive

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C. The following items are admissible from the Sonoran municipalities of Alter, Atil, Caborca, Carbo, Empalme, Guaymas, Hermosillo, Pitquito, Puerto Penasco, San Miguel, and San Luis Rio Colorado⁸ with a USDA import permit issued in advance of the shipment. Permits are issued only to U.S. importers.

1. Admissible into Douglas, Nogales, and San Luis, Arizona:

Apple
Apricot
Grapefruit
Orange, sweet

Peach
Persimmon
Pomegranate
Tangerine

D. The following items are admissible from the state of Michoacan with a USDA import permit issued in advance of the shipment. Permits are issued only to U.S. importers.

1. Admissible into Alaska:

Avocado (fruit)⁹

E. The following items are admissible from the State of Chiapas with a USDA import permit issued in advance of the shipment. Permits are issued only to U.S. importers.

1. Admissible into the entire United States (includes Continental United States, Guam, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands):

Papaya (fruit) (commercial shipments only)¹⁰

FROZEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Freezing is an acceptable treatment for most fruits and vegetables. The treatment involves an initial quick-freezing at subzero temperatures with subsequent storage and handling at not higher than 20° F at time of arrival.

¹ Allow entry to noncommercial lots with seeds removed into ALL ports except those in California, Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

² Ivy gourd (*Coccinia grandis*) is prohibited into Hawaii.

³ If from the state of Chiapas, carefully inspect for the Mediterranean fruit fly.

⁴ Must be accompanied by a PPQ Form 540 to verify that the fruit was treated in Mexico. Also, each shipment must be tarped with a suitable cover to prevent reinfestation during movement from packing facilities to the border.

⁵ Must be accompanied by a certificate of treatment stating that the mangoes received a hot water dip in Mexico.

⁶ *Piper betel* (betel pepper leaf) is prohibited by FDA since it appears to contain poisonous or deleterious substances.

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⁷ Fruits receiving cold treatment may enter at these additional ports: Atlanta Airport, GA; Gulfport, MS; Seattle, WA; and Wilmington, NC.

⁸ Importations must be in accordance with Sonoran protocol.

⁹ Commercial lots only; must be "Hass" cultivar. Must be accompanied by a document issued by Sanidad Vegital certifying the following conditions: (1) The avocados were inspected during growing, harvesting, and packing and were found free from seed weevils and other pests; (2) the avocados were sealed in boxes after inspection at the packing house with a seal that would be broken when the box was opened; and (3) the avocados were packed in an enclosed container or vehicle or under a tarpaulin cover while in transit through Mexico to prevent exposure of the fruit to fruit flies.

¹⁰ Papayas must be from one of the following three orchards:

- ◆ La Providencia in the Municipality of Acapetahua
- ◆ Lomas de Soconusco in the Municipality of Acapetahua
- ◆ Finca Jesus in the Municipality of Chiapa de Corzo

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