

LIST OF ADMISSIBLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM COSTA RICA

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

Cannonball fruit
Coconut (without husk or without 'milk')
Cyperus corm
Lily bulb, edible
Macadamia kernels (no 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 (except Vicia faba, Lens spp. and Lathyrus spp.), 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 Costa Rica 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):

<u>Allium</u> spp.	Eggplant
Arugula (leaf, stem)	Fennel
Arrowroot	Ginger root
Asparagus	Jicama (root)
Ayale	Lettuce
Banana (fruit, leaf) (no permit)	Lime, sour
Basil (whole plant)	<u>Mentha</u> spp.
Beet	Miner's lettuce (above ground parts)
Blackberry (fruit)	Mustard greens (above ground parts)
<u>Brassica oleracea</u>	Okra (pod)
Carrot	<u>Origanum</u> spp. (Leaf, stem)
Cassava	Pak choi
Celery	Palm heart
Chervil	Papaya (fruit) (solo type only) ²
Chestnut (treatment req. see 319.56-2b)	Parsley
<u>Chicorium</u> spp.	Parsnip
Cilantro (above ground parts)	Pea (pod or shelled)
Corn, green	Pineapple (prohibited into Hawaii)
Cornsalad (<u>Valerianella locusta</u>) (whole plant)	<u>Piper nigrum</u> (fresh peppercorn)
Cucurbit (commercial shipments only) ¹	Radish (root) ³
Dasheen	Raspberry (fruit)
Dill (leaf, stem, & root)	Rosemary
Durian	Rutabaga
	Sage

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Salsify
Sorrel (above ground parts)
Spinach
Strawberry
Summer savory
Swiss chard
Tarragon

Thyme
Tomato (green only) (commercial shipments only)
Turnip
Watercress
Yam, T101(f)³

2. Admissible into North Atlantic ports - (Atlantic ports north of and including Baltimore; ports on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway:

Items listed in paragraph B-1 and:

Artichoke, globe (immature flower heads)
Artichoke, Jerusalem
Bean (garden) (Phaseolus vulgaris), T101(k²)
Bean, lima (pod or shelled)⁴
Cacao bean pod
Chickpea

Cucurbit¹
Ethrog
Grapefruit, T107(b)
Lemon (smooth skinned, of commerce)
Orange, sweet, T107(b)
Pigeon pea (pod or shelled)²
Tangerine, T107(b)

3. Admissible into South Atlantic Gulf ports - (Atlantic ports south of Baltimore; Gulf ports, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands):

Items listed in paragraph B-1 and:

Artichoke, Jerusalem

Chayote

4. Admissible into North Pacific Ports - (North Pacific ports do not include California):

Artichoke, Jerusalem
Bean, garden (Phaseolus vulgaris), T101(k²)

Cucurbit¹

5. Admissible into Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands:

Items listed in paragraph B-1, B-3, and:

Chickpea

FROZEN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Freezing is an acceptable treatment for most fruits and vegetables. The treatment involves an initial quickfreezing at subzero temperatures with subsequent storage and handling at no higher than 20° F. at time of arrival.

¹Ivory gourd (*Coccinia grandis*) is prohibited into Hawaii.

²Must be accompanied by a PPQ Form 203 endorsed by APHIS inspectors to validate foreign site preclearance. Currently, only solo type papayas from the provinces of Guanacaste, Puntaranas, and San Jose are authorized for preclearance.

³Also called Chinese turnip.

⁴ If destined to a SAG location, then require T101(k²).