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December 13, 2021

To:  
Mr. Anatoly Vovniuk  
Acting Head  
State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP)  
Ukraine

Dear Mr. Anatoly Vovniuk,

**Re: Requirements for the Import of Apple Fruit from Ukraine to Israel**

Greetings from the Israeli Plant Protection and Inspection Services.

I am writing in response to your letter dated 22 November 2021 concerning the Israeli import requirements for Ukrainian apples, and your proposal as to the commencement of such import.

On 12 September 2021, we presented to Ukraine the Israeli import requirements for apples from Ukraine. These are specified hereinafter, along with the Additional Declarations, as you requested.

We accept your intention to commence with the export of apples to Israel in the current season under Management Option II, namely Chemical Treatment (referred to in your letter as "phytosanitary procedures (variant II)").

**However, we would appreciate some clarification on your proposal to export "trial batches" that would be sent under the chemical treatment management option.**

**Under our requirements, Management Option II requires no inspection during the growing season. Nevertheless, we do require inspection of the fruit prior to export, including the cutting of 10% of the sampled fruit to detect internal pests. Further to this, we require full traceability of the consignment to the grower, and that a list of growers or lots identifying the consignment be attached to the Phytosanitary Certificate of the consignment.**

Please see the import requirements for apples from Ukraine to Israel in the Appendix below.

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The phytosanitary certificate should include the following Additional Declaration for Management Option II:

a) The consignment is free from the following pests according to visual inspection:  
*Aculus schlechtendali*, *Adoxophyes orana*, *Ametastegia glabrata*, *Archips podana*,  
*Argyrotaenia ljugiana*, *Bryobia rubrioculus*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita*  
*lobarzewskii*, *Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea*, *Pseudococcus*  
*calceolariae*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, *Rhynchites auratus*, *Spilonota ocellana*,  
*Monilinia fructicola*, *Monilinia fructigena*, *Neonectria ditissima*, *Phacidiopycnis spp.*  
*Neofabraea spp.*, *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *Mycosphaerella pyri*, *Cacopsylla mali*,  
*Pandemis heparana*, *Eotetranychus prunicola*, *Epidiaspis leperii* and  
*Amphitetranychus viennensis*.

b) The inspection was carried out on 2% of the consignment, 10% of which were cut for the examination of internal pests.

**We should emphasize that we can not permit trial import without meeting either of the required Management Options.**

On the same note, to answer a question in your letter, the points of import of apples to Israel by sea freight may be the Ports of Haifa or Ashdod.

Looking forward to your response,

Sincerely yours,

Shlomitz Zioni,  
Acting Director, The Plant Protection and Inspection Services

Cc:  
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**Appendix**

**The import requirements for apples from Ukraine to Israel:**

**Management option I (orchard inspection):**

**1. Visual inspection:**

The consignment is free from the following pests according to visual inspection: *Aculus schlechtendali*, *Adoxophyes orana*, *Ametastegia glabrata*, *Archips podana*, *Argyrotaenia ljungiana*, *Bryobia rubrioculus*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita lobarzewskii*, *Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea*, *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, *Rhynchites auratus*, *Spilonota ocellana*, *Monilinia fructicola*, *Monilinia fructigena*, *Neonectria ditissima*, *Phacidiopycnis spp.*, *Neofabraea spp.*, *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *Mycosphaerella pyri*, *Cacopsylla mali*, *Pandemis heparana*, *Eotetranychus prunicola*, *Epidiaspis leperii* and *Amphitetranychus viennensis*.

Fruit inspection: 2% of the consignment should be inspected. Samples should be taken in a representative manner to include all lots (grower/variety/orchard).

**2. Orchard inspection:**

*Ametastegia glabrata*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita lobarzewskii*, *Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea* and *Pandemis heparana*- orchard free from these pests.

*Neonectria ditissima*, *Botryosphaeria dothidea* and *Neofabraea spp.*- orchard free of disease symptoms during current/last growing season.

The presence of one of these pests in the orchard or during fruit inspection will disqualify both the consignment and orchard from which the commodity was taken during that season for export to Israel.

**3. Treatment:**

Not required.

**4. Additional declarations:**

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a) The place of production was inspected during active growth of the last growing season and found free from *Neonectria ditissima*, *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *Neofabraea* spp.

b) The place of production is free from *Ametastegia glabrata*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita lobarzewskii*, *Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea* and *Pandemis heparana*.

c) 2% of the consignment was inspected before shipment in a representative manner to include all lots (grower/orchard/variety) and were found free from: *Aculus schlechtendali*, *Adoxophyes orana*, *Archips podana*, *Argyrotaenia ljugiana*, *Bryobia rubrioculus*, *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, *Spilonota ocellana*, *Monilinia fructicola*, *Monilinia fructigena*, *Neonectria ditissima*, *Phacidiopycnis* spp., *Neofabraea* spp., *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *Mycosphaerella pyri*, *Cacopsylla mali*, *Pandemis heparana*, *Eotetranychus prunicola*, *Epidiaspis leperii* and *Amphitetranychus viennensis*.

**1. Other conditions :**

- Packing material should be new.
- Each container should be marked with the following: country of origin, variety name, orchard's and grower's number.

**Management option II (chemical treatment):**

**1. Visual inspection:**

The consignment is free from the following pests according to visual inspection: *Aculus schlechtendali*, *Adoxophyes orana*, *Ametastegia glabrata*, *Archips podana*, *Argyrotaenia ljugiana*, *Bryobia rubrioculus*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita lobarzewskii*, *Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea*, *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*, *Rhynchites auratus*, *Spilonota ocellana*, *Monilinia fructicola*, *Monilinia fructigena*, *Neonectria ditissima*, *Phacidiopycnis* spp. and *Neofabraea* spp., *Botryosphaeria dothidea*, *Mycosphaerella pyri*, *Cacopsylla mali*, *Pandemis heparana*, *Eotetranychus prunicola*, *Epidiaspis leperii* and *Amphitetranychus viennensis*.

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**Inspection method:**

- a) The fruit will be visually inspected in an approved packinghouse (a list of approved packinghouses will be sent to PPIS before export).
- b) The inspection will include a 2% sample of the consignment sampled in a representative manner to include all lots (grower/orchard/variety).
- c) In addition to the visual inspection, 10% of the 2% inspected fruit (i.e. 0.2% of the total consignment) will be cut for the examination of internal pests.
- d) Full traceability to the grower.
- e) The presence of one of the above mentioned pests during fruit inspection will disqualify that grower's orchard and a second interception from the same grower during the season will disqualify the grower for export to Israel for the entire season.
- f) Each pallet of the consignment will be marked with a label "approved for Israel".
- g) A list of growers or lots identifying the consignment will be attached to the phytosanitary certificate.

**2. Orchard inspection:**

Not required.

**3. Treatment:**

The fruit will be post-harvest treated with a fungicide against *Neonectria ditissima*. The treatment given should be stated in the treatment box in the phytosanitary certificate.

**4. Additional declarations:**

The phytosanitary certificate will include the following declaration:

- a) The consignment is free from the following pests according to visual inspection:  
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*Argyrotaenia ljungiana*, *Bryobia rubrioculus*, *Grapholita funebrana*, *Grapholita lobarzewskii*,  
*Grapholita molesta*, *Hoplocampa testudinea*, *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Quadraspidiotus perniciosus*,  
*Rhynchites auratus*, *Spilonota ocellana*,  
*Cryptosporiopsis perennan*, *Monilinia fructicola*, *Monilinia fructigena*, *Neonectria*

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*ditissima, Phacidiopycnis spp. and Neofabraea spp., Botryosphaeria dothidea, Mycosphaerella pyri, Cacopsylla mali, Pandemis heparana, Eotetranychus prunivorus, Epidiaspis leperii and Amphitetranychus viennensis.*

b) The inspection was carried out on 2% of the consignment, 10% of which were cut for the examination of internal pests.

1. **Other conditions:**

- Packing material should be new.
- Each container should be marked with the following: country of origin, variety name, orchard's and grower's number.
- Each pallet of the consignment will be marked with a label "approved for Israel".
- A list of growers or lots identifying the consignment will be attached to the phytosanitary certificate.