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**To:**

**Mrs. Viktoriia Sidliarenko**

Director of the Department for Phytosanitary Security

The State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection  
Ukraine

Dear Mrs. Viktoriia Sidliarenko,

**Re: Pest Risk Management for the Import of fresh blueberry fruit into Israel from Ukraine**

Compliments from the Israeli Plant Protection and Inspection Services (PPIS).

We wish to thank you for the valuable information that you provided concerning the status and management of pests in the cultivation of blueberry in Ukraine.

After reviewing the information, we have summarized our conclusions and the additional information that is needed for the list of quarantine pests that we require in fresh blueberry fruit.

Please see below our conclusions and the further information that we need in order for us to be able to move forward with the process towards the import of blueberries from Ukraine.

**1. Ukraine is known to be free from the following pests:**

*Acrobasis vaccinii*, *Anastrepha fraterculus*, *Argyrotaenia franciscana*, *Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Ceratitis rosa*, *Conotrachelus nenuphar*, *Diaspidiotus ancyclus*, *Epiphyas postvittana*, *Frankliniella australis*, *Grapholita packardii*, *Phlyctinus callosus*, *Proeulia auraria*, *Rhagoletis mendax*, *Diaporthe australafricana*.

**2. For the following pests, you proposed free place of production. Based on our risk assessment for these pests in blueberries cultivated in Ukraine, we consider **pre-export visual inspection of the consignment as suitable to mitigate the risk:****

*Aegorhinus superciliosus*, *Comstockaspis perniciosus*, *Pseudococcus calceolariae*, *Taxonus glabratus*, *Alternaria tenuissima*, *Exobasidium maculosum*, *Exobasidium vaccinii*, *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi*, *Phyllosticta vaccinii*



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### 3. *Phomopsis vaccinii*:

You reported to this pest as absent in Ukraine. However, this pest has been reported in Ukraine (Andrianova and Konovalchuk, 2021). **Therefore, we require that the fruit originate from an area that is free from this pest or visual inspection of the consignment against this pest prior to export to Israel.**

**Andrianova T.V., Konovalchuk V.K. (2021).** Toward the technology of large cranberry fruit storage through declining the fungal rots. *Experimental articles 1*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18372/2306-6407.1.16117>

4. As regards the pre-export visual inspection that is required where appropriate, please note that **the sample size is required to provide a confidence level of 95% at a detection level of 1% infestation, according to ISPM31.**

We look forward to your response and appreciate your cooperation.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Ms. Shlomit Zioni, Acting Director,  
The Plant Protection and Inspection Services

Cc:

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