

23 December, 2024

To: Mr Serhii Tkachuk
Head, State Service of Ukraine
On Food Safety and Consumer Protection
(SSUFSCP)
Ukraine

Dear Mr Serhii Tkachuk,
Dear colleagues,

Re: Import of fresh fruit of tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum* Linnaeus) from Ukraine to the State of Israel

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

This letter replies to your email and letter attached, dated 15 October 2024, concerning requirements and conditions for the import into Israel of fresh fruit of tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum* Linnaeus) from Ukraine.

We thank you for your comments and enquiries, and would like to respond with the required clarifications.

1. Export of fresh tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) from Ukraine to Israel

- We are pleased that Ukraine takes interest in exporting fresh tomato fruit to Israel.
- We thank you for confirming the absence of *Bactrocera dorsalis* in Ukraine.
- With regard to the Colorado potato beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*: Due to the high risk of introduction and damage by this pest, we require that the tomatoes originate either from areas that are free from the beetle, OR from production sites that are under appropriate physical protection against it, AND pre-export inspection of the consignment. We will be happy to receive tomatoes imported from Ukraine under these conditions.

2. Exporting blueberries (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) from Ukraine to Israel

- We thank you for affirming that SSUFSCP is ready to implement Israel's import requirements for the export of fresh blueberry fruit to Israel.
- The import of fresh blueberries from Ukraine to Israel was approved in our letter of 27 December, 2022 (enclosed). We were pleased to receive two blueberry shipments and are looking forward to additional imports.
- The import conditions for this import are as follows:
 - *The consignment must meet the following requirements:*
 - a) *The fruit have been sorted.*
 - b) *The consignment is free from leaves and plant residues Including leaves and stems.*
 - c) *The consignment is free from seeds of weeds.*
 - d) *Each package must be marked with the botanical name and the quantity, name of grower, name of supplier and country of origin.*
 - e) *The consignment packages are placed on pallets.*
 - f) *Prior to shipment, the consignment was officially inspected according to the International Standard on Phytosanitary Measure ISPM 31, and was found free from: Aegorhinus superciliosus, Comstockaspis perniciosus, Pseudococcus calceolariae, Taxonus glabratus, Alternaria tenuissima, Exobasidium maculosum, Exobasidium vaccinii, Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi, Phomopsis vaccinii, Phyllosticta vaccinii. Sample size is determined to detect a level of infestation of 0.5% at a confidence level of 95%.*
 - *The consignment must be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate, including the following Additional Declaration:*

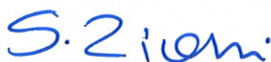
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3. Logistics of export from Ukraine into Israel

- We thank you for the information concerning the logistic constraints and the possible means of transport for produce exported from Ukraine.
- We welcome tomato and blueberry consignments from Ukraine, accompanied by a Ukrainian phytosanitary certificate, arriving through a country of transit. In this case, transit conditions should be maintained, according to International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures – Consignments in Transit (ISPM 25).

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to expanding the mutual trade between our countries.

Sincerely,



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