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# USDA APHIS PPQ Phytosanitary Irradiation Programs:

Where are we now?

### Agenda

- General Phytosanitary Irradiation (PI) Concepts
- PPQ PI Program Types
- Import Regulatory Summary



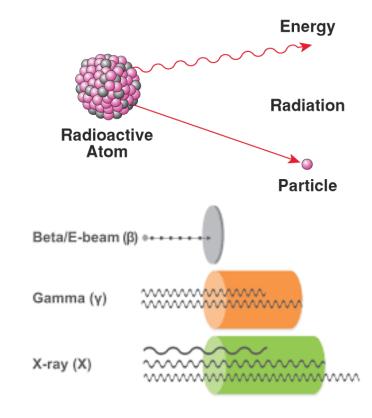
### **Phytosanitary Irradiation**

There are three approved source for phytosanitary irradiation treatments:

**Gamma**: <sup>60</sup>Cobalt or <sup>137</sup>Cesium emits photons during decay

**E-beam**: High energy electrons propelled from an electron gun

X-ray: High energy electrons are converted to X-rays (photons)





### **Phytosanitary Irradiation**

APHIS treatments require an absorbed doses between 150-400 Gy

FDA limits fresh fruit and vegetable treatments to 1000 Gy

Irradiated food products must bear the radura or similar irradiation labelling







### **Phytosanitary Irradiation**

#### Treatment response outcomes:

- Mortality
- Sterilization
- Inactivity or Devitalization
- Inability to Emerge/Fly





### **Irradiation Program Types**



#### **Preclearance and Offshore**

Irradiation of U.S. Imports in Country of Origin

Upon Arrival (Port of Entry)
Irradiation of U.S. Imports in United
States

#### **Domestic Quarantine**

Irradiation for Domestic Movement out of Federal Quarantines

#### **Exports**

Irradiation of U.S. Exports



### Preclearance Program

#### **Participating Countries** •

- India
- Vietnam
- Mexico\*
- South Africa\*
- Thailand





### **Offshore Program**

#### **Participating Countries**

Australia





### **Domestic Movement**





#### Hawaii Pride & Pa'ina Hawaii

Abiu, atemoya, banana, Capsicum spp., carambola, citrus, Cucurbita spp., dragon fruit, eggplant, jackfruit, litchi, longan, mangosteen, melon, moringa pods, papaya, pineapple, rambutan, sapodilla, sweet potato, tomato, yellow dragon fruit, breadfruit, cowpea, curry leaf, guava, yellow dragon fruit, cut flowers, leis

#### **Gateway America**

2015 Oriental Fruit Fly Quarantine in Florida



### **Import Regulatory Summary**

- Market Access
- Framework Equivalency Work
   Plan
- Trust Fund\*
- Operational Work Plan
- Commodity-Specific Addendum



IRRADIATION
OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN

BETWEEN

Thailand and United States Of America



### **Market Access**

- I. Commodity Import Request Process
  - Exporting NPPO contacts PPQ
  - Exporting NPPO provides information in 7CFR319.5(d)
- II. Risk Analysis/Mitigation Process
  - Determines pests associated with commodity
  - Determines mitigations required to mitigate risks
- III. Regulatory Administrative Process
  - Rulemaking Process or
  - Notice-based process



### **Import Regulatory Summary**



- Facility Plan Approval
- Facility Certification
- Importer Compliance Agreement\*
- Importer Permit
- Packaging Approval
- Process Configuration Approval



### **Unique Features of Irradiation**



- Mortality is not intended treatment outcome
- Pest Proof Packaging (PPP)
- Treatment schedules are commodity independent
- Trade facilitating technology
- Commodity tracking available via IRADS
- Maintain cold chain during treatment





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