Preclearance Activities

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Preclearance is committed to providing high quality, timely services to our customers. In conjunction with APHIS International Services, preclearance inspections, treatments, and other mitigation measures are conducted in foreign countries under the direct supervision of qualified APHIS personnel in accordance with the agency's phytosanitary procedures.

These procedures are designed to identify and mitigate the risk of exotic pest introductions through action taken in foreign countries. Integrity checks to ensure compliance with the program guidelines may be conducted at the U.S. port of entry. Proposals for agricultural commodity preclearance programs are typically developed jointly by the host country’s plant protection service and participating industry. If requested, APHIS will provide appropriate host country officials with assistance in work plan development.

Preclearance activities serve to perform the following functions:

- Conduct offshore agricultural commodity preclearance inspections, treatments, and other mitigation measures in foreign countries under the direct supervision of qualified APHIS personnel in accordance with phytosanitary procedures specified by the agency

- Support trade facilitation and pest exclusion by approving or proposing new programs
- Expedite the movement of commodities and giving additional protection to U.S. agriculture
- Ensure compliance with program guidelines and APHIS preclearance protocols
- Certify offshore plant production facilities for specific phytosanitary concerns

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