

**PORT (CARGO)
INFORMATION
NOTICE**

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ISSUE DATE: **AUG 09 2019****SUBJECT:** Update to Agriculture Commodities in the National Agriculture Release Program (NARP)**DISTRIBUTION:** All Calexico, Otay Mesa, Tecate, and San Diego Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Other Interested Parties**PURPOSE:**

This PIN provides the importing community with an updated list of agriculture commodities on the National Agriculture Release Program (NARP). This PIN updates PIN 2012-013 issued on August 22, 2012.

The NARP program was instituted nation-wide on January 8, 2007 and identifies specific low risk/high volume agriculture commodities from Mexico that will be inspected at a reduced rate. NARP allows for more efficient utilization of resources and uses national and local criteria to systematically sample commodities while adjusting to rapidly changing risk profiles without compromising agricultural quarantine and plant health safeguards. NARP applies mostly to fresh fruits and vegetables with minor application to those that are frozen and semi-processed.

The updates to the guidelines are summarized below. However, please note the following updates in particular:

- *Added* Jackfruit, Jalapeno and Cayenne Peppers from MX to NARP.
- *Removed* Lettuce from MX from NARP.

- Asparagus
- Banana -fruit only- (NOT Plantain, NOT Banana Leaves, NOT Banana Flower)
- Beet
- Bell Pepper/Mini Pepper
- Bitter Melon
- Blackberry
- Blueberry
- Cantaloupe
- Carrot
- Cayenne Pepper (only commodity)
- Chive
- Coconut (No Husk)
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Grape
- Green Bean (NOT Long Bean, NOT Fava Bean)
- Green Onion
- Honeydew
- Jackfruit
- Jalapeno pepper (Only commodity)
- Jicama
- Lemon
- Lime, Persian/Mexican (NOT Sweet Lime)

- Melons
- Onion
- Pecan
- Prickly Pear Fruit (AKA Tuna, Xoconostle)
- Pumpkin
- Raspberry
- Snap Pea (NOT Snow, NOT Chickpea, NOT Black Eyed Pea)
- Strawberry
- Tomato (NOT Husk Tomato/NOT Tomatillo)
- Watermelon

PROCEDURES:

Upon arrival to the primary inspection at the Otay Mesa Commercial facility, drivers will present one additional manifest copy for the NARP agriculture commodities listed above.

Customs and Border Protection Officers will instruct drivers as to whether they will be released from primary or if they will need to report to the inspection dock. Drivers arriving without the additional manifest copy will need to report to the inspection dock. Other procedures in place may result in any specific shipment being designated for examination.

Shipments that contain only NARP listed commodities will be allowed to go gate to gate. NARP commodities which are commingled with Non-NARP commodities will be sent to the dock for examination. This expedited process (based on low risk pest and plant disease history, and high volume) may be susceptible to change at any time due to the interception of pests, diseases or contaminants.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and for communicating the updated requirements to your clients and industry stakeholders. Should you have any questions regarding the contents of this PIN, please contact CBP Chief Agriculture Specialist Rosie Maizuss (619) 671-8134.

If you have any questions regarding obtaining a permit from USDA APHIS PPQ, please contact USDA APHIS PPQ OIC Giselle Childress (619) 661-1788 or contact the following web address for USDA.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/index.shtml



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