

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

**IMPORTER'S EXEMPT COMMODITY FORM (FV-6)**

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The authority for requesting the information to be supplied on this form is the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 USC 286, 287, 371, 651, 1001; 15 USC 714m; and 31 USC 3729, may be applicable to information provided on this form.

**NOTE:** This form is used to declare intent to import an agricultural commodity exempt from grade requirements for the commodity established under section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge or counterfeit this form, or participate in any such actions, is subject to a fine or imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or both.

**THIS FORM MAY NOT BE DUPLICATED**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE FORM ARE PRINTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE**

**SECTION I TO BE COMPLETED BY THE IMPORTER**

1. PRODUCT (Include variety)		2. DATE AND PLACE OF INSPECTION (If applicable)	
3. LOT IDENTIFICATION		4. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION (Railroad car, truck, vessel, carrier, tag number, etc.)	
5a. IMPORTER'S NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (P.O. Box, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)		6a. PLACE OF ENTRY/PORT OF UNLOADING	
		6b. DATE OF ENTRY	
5b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)	5c. FAX NUMBER (Include area code)	7. TOTAL QUANTITY IMPORTED (Pounds)	
8a. RECEIVER'S NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (P.O. Box, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)		9. INTENDED USE (Mark an "X" in appropriate box)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Processing <input type="checkbox"/> Charity <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock/ Animal Feed	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Type processing/other (Specify) _____	
8b. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)	8c. FAX NUMBER (Include area code)		
10a. U.S. CUSTOMS and BORDER PROTECTION ENTRY NUMBER	10b. HARMONIZED TARIFF CODE NUMBER		

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:** I certify to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Customs and Border Protection that the above is true and accurate and that none of the fruit, vegetable, or specialty crops being imported and which are identified above will be used for other than the purpose indicated above.

SIGNATURE (Handwritten only)	TITLE	DATE
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**SECTION II TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECEIVER**

RECEIVER'S NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (P.O. Box, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)	TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)
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**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT OF PROCESSOR, CHARITY, FEEDER, OR OTHER EXEMPTED RECEIVER**

I hereby certify to the U.S. Department of Agriculture that I have received the exempt commodity shipment(s) cited above and that I will dispose of the shipment(s) pursuant to the intended use specified in "9" and the commodity's Import Regulations under 7 CFR, Parts 944, 980, or 999, and that I am one of the following: (Mark an "X" in appropriate box)

Processor     
  Charity     
  Livestock/Animal Feeder     
  Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (Handwritten only)	TITLE	DATE
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## SECTION I

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE IMPORTER** - Upon completion of Section I, the importer or the customs broker on behalf of the **IMPORTER** shall:

- **Sign** Section I certifying accuracy of the information entered in Section I and that the exempt commodity shipment is being sent to the exempt receiver listed in No. 8a.
- **Provide** the completed form to U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the time of entry (U.S. Customs and Border Protection may only retain Copy 1, but **must return Copies 2 and 3 to the importer**).
- **Send Copy 2 to AMS not later than two days after entry.**
- **Forward** Copy 3 to the exempt receiver with the commodity shipment.
- **Retain** Copy 4 for your records.

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## SECTION II

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECEIVER** - The **EXEMPT RECEIVER** shall:

- **Sign** Section II certifying receipt of the shipment listed in Section I and agreeing to dispose of the shipment in the exempt outlet specified.
- **Send** Copy 3 to AMS no later than two days after receipt.

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## MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Copies 2 and 3 shall be **sent to USDA, AMS, F&VP, Marketing Order Administration Branch (MOAB), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 1406-South, Stop Code 0237, Washington, DC 20250-0237**. The forms may be faxed to (202) 720-5698, but **must be followed up with the mailed original copy within 2 days**. For further information, call (202) 690-0464.

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**COPY 1 - U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION**

**COPY 2 - IMPORTER SUBMITS TO USDA/AMS**

**COPY 3 - RECEIVER SUBMITS TO USDA/AMS**

**COPY 4 - RETAINED BY IMPORTER**