

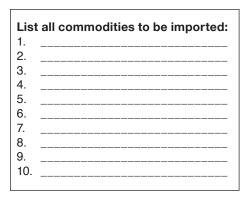


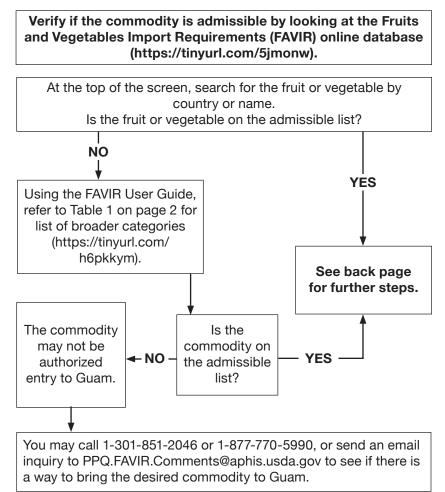
## **Foreign Import of Fruits and Vegetables to Guam**

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This factsheet briefly summarizes the steps in obtaining an import permit for importation of fruits and vegetables from foreign countries. Importing fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs must be intended for consumption and NOT for planting or growing. Only the approved plant part(s) of the fresh fruit, vegetable, and herb is allowed entry to Guam. It usually takes up to 30 days for a permit to be processed so it is recommended to apply for a permit at least a month before the desired import date. It is not necessary to apply for a permit every import of fruits or vegetables provided that all import requirements are met and the permit is unexpired.

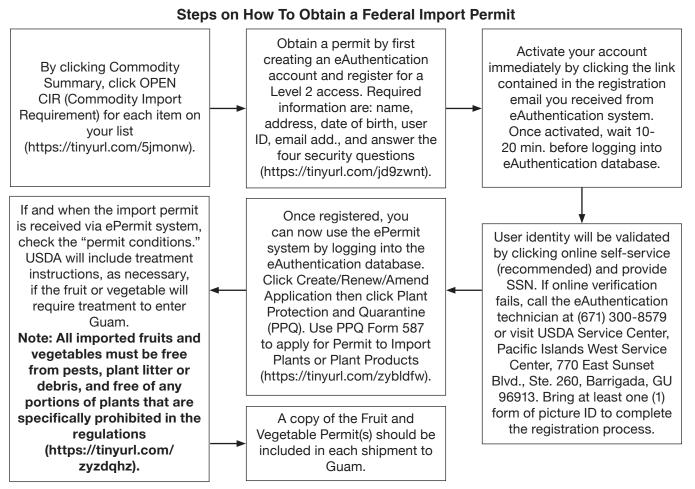
On Guam, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) offers both manual and online processing of permits (ePermit system). Customers are encouraged to take advantage of the ePermits system, which is an electronic tool that issues permit, certificates, and other regulation-based verification. To use the system, a customer is required to sign up for an eAuthentication account as shown on the flowchart. Registered users can submit permit applications online, receive notifications of expirations, and can access options for renewal. The ePermits system helps expedite the entire process and enables users to track the status of applications.





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For further inquiries about the application process for a federal Fruit and Vegetable Import Permit, call/email:

USDA APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine, MD 20737 **Phone:** (301) 851-2346 **Email:** PPQ.Favir.Comments@aphis.usda.gov **Hours:** Monday-Friday (except holidays) 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET

Aside from the federal import permit, a local import permit is also required for each shipment to Guam.

## Request for a Local Import Permit at: Guam Department of Agriculture Biosecurity Division, 17-3306 Neptune Ave., Barrigada, GU 96913 Hours: Monday-Friday (except holidays) 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Options: • walk in

- call in at (671) 475-1427
- fax at (671) 477-9487. Faxes must be followed by phone call for verification of receipt.

Fill out the application form completely. The processing time	÷
for permit request is approximately four (4) hours.	

Pay the exact amount of \$10 by cash, personal check (onisland checks only), or company check.

Pick up the document the next day. Pick-up hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Present any valid picture ID (Driver's license, Passport, Guam ID, or Company ID). If other than importer/consignee, an authorization with picture ID is required. Company/business employee authorizations must be on letterheads.

NOTE: Local import permit is good for one (1) shipment only and valid for up to 30 calendar days after issuance.

## **Additional References:**

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions): https://tinyurl.com/j9qrtzf Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Manual: https://tinyurl.com/h6gtz6j