



## 2019 Export Programs of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to Thailand, People's Republic of China (PRC) and Japan

### 2019 Packing Facility Compliance Agreement & Registration Application Form

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To participate in the 2019 Export Programs of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to Thailand, People's Republic of China (PRC) and/or Japan, packing facilities must be approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and must meet all requirements, as listed below:

- A. CONTACT INFORMATION
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- G. APPROVAL STATEMENT BY THE CFIA

All applications must be received by **February 28, 2019**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted or processed.

Send the complete application to:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
5889 Sawmill Road  
P.O. Box 1530  
Oliver BC V0H 1T0  
Canada

Or via Email:

[cfia.wstbccherryexportstochina-exportationdecerisesenchinecbost.acia@canada.ca](mailto:cfia.wstbccherryexportstochina-exportationdecerisesenchinecbost.acia@canada.ca)

**Please ensure to check the appropriate box for the export program(s) you would like to participate in under Section F: Applicant's Statement.**



**A. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Packing Facility Name:

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*(as it should appear on the registered facility list)*

Owner / Manager:

\_\_\_\_\_

*(name of person signing this agreement)*

Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information of the person(s) responsible for providing records to the CFIA**

1. Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Position / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



## B. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – BC CHERRIES TO THAILAND

To maintain participation in this program, please read and understand all requirements of the “Notification of Department of Agriculture Re: Conditions for Import of cherry Fruit from Canada B.E. 2555 (2012)”. Failure to meet any of the listed requirements will result in removal from the program. Packing houses must be registered with the CFIA **prior** to export. To be approved for registration for export of fresh BC cherries to Thailand, the following requirements must be met.

1. Source fruit for export to Thailand only from growers that have cherry orchards registered with CFIA for export to Thailand.
2. Maintain records of all growers supplying cherry fruit for export to Thailand.
3. Agree that these records will be reviewed by CFIA and supplied to Thailand on request.
4. Submit a well-documented standard operating procedure that describes in detail all processes related to grading, handling and packing of cherry fruit (**Record required**).
5. Ensure there is a dedicated CFIA inspection area **inside** the packing house.
6. Agree that if cherries are shipped to Thailand in loose cartons, “EXPORT TO THAILAND” must be written on each carton. However, if cherries are shipped on pallets, it is allowable to have “EXPORT TO THAILAND” appearing on each side of a pallet.
7. Agree to accommodate CFIA audits upon request.

## C. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – BC CHERRIES TO PRC

To maintain participation in this program, please read and understand all requirements of the CFIA “2019 Export Program of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to People’s Republic of China (PRC)”. Failure to meet any of the listed requirements will result in removal from the program.

Please answer the questions below and provide all requested documents:

1. Do you have GAP Certification for packing cherries until the end of the 2019 export season? Yes / No. If Yes, please provide a copy of the GAP Certificate.  
If No, a proof of GAP certification will be required before BC cherry exports are allowed to proceed to PRC. Please forward the GAP certification to the CFIA as soon as it is available. The CFIA is not responsible to contact the GAP certification body or to get a copy of the GAP certificate from the certification body. Please indicate the possible date of certification: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Provide a full description of the protocols (on a separate page) that will be used to meet the requirements for exporting BC Cherries to PRC, as outlined in the “2019 Export Program of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to People’s Republic of China (PRC)”. **Ensure to include “sample copies” of the records** that will be maintained (as dated and signed), for the requirements listed below:



- Sorting of the fruit to ensure that it is free of twigs/leaves, soil and all surface defects that may represent signs and symptoms of pests **and** visual inspection of at least 1% of the packed product by designated employees (**Record required** - e.g. Quality Control records)
  - Inspection of the packing facility at the start of each work day to ensure that it is free of all culled and/or loose fruit (**Record required**)
  - Removal and disposal of cull cherries **daily**, away from the packing facility or orchard vicinity (**Record required**)
  - Product packaging and storing
  - Product traceability (**Record required** e.g. Inventory of product received, packed and exported to PRC).
  - Product moving within the packing facility under conditions that safeguard against pest introduction
  - Inspection of containers for cleanliness and freedom from insect pests, mites, rotten fruit, twigs, leaves, roots and soil, prior to loading (**Record required**)
  - Loading of containers under conditions that safeguard against pest introduction
3. Do you agree that records maintained pertaining to exports to the PRC would be reviewed by the CFIA and supplied to the PRC on request? Yes/No
  4. Do you agree to comply with packing material, and labeling requirements for cherries destined to PRC? Yes  No
  5. Will you ensure that cherries shipped to PRC are accompanied by the applicable phytosanitary certificate? Yes  No
  6. Do you agree that your packing house name shall be part of a publicly-available list of participants? Yes  No
  7. Do you agree to have your packing house audited before, during, or after the cherry export season, as requested by the CFIA? Yes  No

#### D. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – **BC CHERRIES TO JAPAN**

To maintain participation in this program, please read and understand all requirements of the “Canada-Japan Cherry Systems Approach for Export of Canadian Fresh Sweet Cherries from British Columbia to Japan – June 21, 2018”. Failure to meet any of the listed requirements of this program will result in removal from the program. In addition, please review the above-named document from time to time throughout the season, to ensure you continue to meet all the requirements of the program. **Ensure to include “sample copies” of the records** that will be maintained (as dated and signed), for the requirements listed below:

1. The packing facility must be located in British Columbia.
2. To be eligible for export to Japan the cherry fruit must be sourced from production orchards that are registered in the *Cherry Export Program for Japan*. Copies of purchase invoices or delivery slips must be presented to the CFIA on request and must be kept on file until the end of the next export season (**Record required**).



3. The packing facility must submit to the CFIA written procedures describing the system approach to pack cherries to Japan as implemented at the facility (Record required).
4. The facility must maintain information about each production orchard that supplies them with cherries for export to Japan and provide this information to the CFIA upon request (Record required). This information must include:
  - CFIA production orchard registration number
  - grower name
  - location of the orchard
  - number of producing acres
  - variety(ies)
  - anticipated harvest dates
  - date codling moth traps were placed in the orchard
5. The packing facility must verify identifying marks on the field bins to ensure that fruit came from a registered production orchard, upon arrival at the packing facility.
6. Packing facility personnel must sample and inspect 300 cherries per lot when the fruit arrives at the facility, before sorting. Results must be recorded and provided to the CFIA upon request (Record required). If any insect pests are detected, they must be submitted to the CFIA for identification.
7. The structure of the registered packing and storage facilities must be sufficient to prevent the entry of regulated pests. When packing is conducted at night (after dark), all entryways must be covered with plastic strips or air curtains, etc. and all windows must be closed or screened to protect the harvested produce from contamination by codling moth and other pests.
8. The packing facility must segregate cherry fruit that is eligible for export to Japan under the systems approach from other cherry fruit. The packing line must be clean before cherries destined to Japan can be packed. If there are multiple packing lines in use at the facility, the packing line for cherries to Japan must be segregated from the other packing lines by curtains or other materials. Packing facility personnel must be trained to detect insect damage during the sorting and grading process and must manually remove any fruit which is scarred, discolored, deformed, over-ripe or otherwise of poor quality. Training records must be maintained (Record required). If any insect pests are detected, they must be submitted to the CFIA for identification.
9. The packing facility must have a dedicated CFIA inspection area, with proper lighting and away from moving traffic and equipment.
10. Packing facility personnel must collect a fruit sample during the packing process, prior to the final carton weight adjustment. The sample shall be inspected by the CFIA using a brown sugar flotation test. The sample must be prepared by the packing facility and clearly labelled with the full CFIA registration number (Record required).



Lot Size (kg)	Minimum Sample of Cherries
3000 kg or less	300
Up to 4500 kg	400
Up to 6750 kg	500
Up to 10,800 kg	600
More than 10,800	700

11. The packing facility must ensure that cherries destined for Japan are safeguarded from contamination by codling moth and other pests of concern to Japan during packing, storage and shipping.
12. Each consignment should be prepared for shipping in a manner that discourages tampering and helps to maintain consignment integrity.
13. Each carton must be clearly labelled with a 10 digit code. The first 3 digits must indicate the Julian date when the fruit was packed, the next 2 digits must be the registered packing facility number and the last 5 digits must be the registered orchard number.
14. The packing facility is responsible for supplying all the materials required to wrap and seal consignments of cherries destined for Japan, including pre-printed packing tape and/or labels.
15. Employees at the packing facility are responsible for packaging, wrapping, sealing and labelling the consignments according to Japan’s specification (see guidelines below in Appendix 1).
16. Each pallet or carton shall be sealed with tape marked “CFIA INSPECTED” or “CFIA Inspected” following inspection by the CFIA.
17. Each pallet or carton shall have “FOR JAPAN” or “For Japan” clearly marked on at least one side.
18. The packing facility must store/hold shipments certified for Japan in a clearly marked area that is separate from other cherries.
19. The packing facility will be subject to audits by the CFIA to verify compliance with this agreement and is responsible for providing all relevant records to the CFIA, upon request.
20. The packing facility must maintain all records related to the *Cherry Export Program* for Japan until the end of the next export season and these records must be provided to the CFIA upon request.

**E. DEDICATED CFIA INSPECTION AREA AND STAFF ASSISTANCE**

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a dedicated CFIA inspection area that includes the following:
  - A working table? Yes  No
  - Light? Yes  No
  - Prepared brown sugar solution prior to inspection? Yes  No
  - Crushing tools/equipment? Yes  No



- Area away from moving traffic/forklifts? Yes  No
2. Will you ensure the facility will have dedicated staff to assist the CFIA inspectors with all requests? Yes  No

## F. APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I am the owner/manager and/or the legally authorized representative of the packing facility.

I agree to participate in the 2019 Export Program of Fresh BC Cherries to:

- Thailand
- China
- Japan

I have read, understood and agree to comply with all the requirements outlined above and in the following documents:

- Notification of Department of Agriculture Re: Conditions for Import of cherry Fruit from Canada B.E. 2555 (2012)
- 2019 Export Program of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to People's Republic of China (PRC)
- Canada-Japan Cherry Systems Approach for Export of Canadian Fresh Sweet Cherries from British Columbia to Japan – June 21, 2018

I understand that cherry fruit exported to Thailand must be free of all pests of quarantine concern to Thailand, including: European brown scale (*Parthenolecanium corni*), pear oyster scale (*Diaspidiotus ostreaeformis*), oystershell scale (*Lepidosaphes ulmi*), apple mealybug (*Phenacoccus aceris*), mulberry moth (*Hyphantria cunea*), pearly underwing moth (*Peridroma saucia*), brown rot of fruit (*Monilinia fructigena*), tomato fruit rot (*Phytophthora cryptogea*) and crown rot of apple (*Phytophthora megasperma*).

I understand that cherry fruit exported to PRC must be free of all pests of quarantine concern to PRC, including: Western cherry fruit fly (*Rhagoletis indifferens*), black cherry fruit fly (*Rhagoletis fausta*), apple maggot (*Rhagoletis pomonella*), pruneworm leafroller (*Acrobasis tricolorella*), cherry fruitworm (*Grapholita packardi*), lesser apple worm (*Grapholita prunivora*), large fruit tree tortrix (*Archips podana*), oblique-banded leafroller (*Choristoneura rosaceana*), marbled orchard tortrix (*Hedya nubiferana*), tufted apple bud moth (*Platynota idaeusalis*), black cherry aphid (*Myzus cerasi*), apple mealybug (*Phenacoccus aceris*), brown rot (*Monilinia fructicola*), bacterial canker (*Pseudomonas syringae pv morsprunorum*), and Little Cherry Virus. Also, of concern is spotted wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*).



I understand that cherry fruit exported to Japan must be free of all pests of quarantine concern to Japan, including: codling moth (*Cydia pomonella*), cherry fruit flies (*Rhagoletis indifferens*, *R. fausta*), fruitworms (*Grapholita packardi*, *G. prunivora*), peach twig borer (*Anarsia lineatella*), leafrollers (*Choristoneura rosaceana*, *Archips argyrospila*).

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that other relevant regulations in place in Thailand, PRC and Japan are met, including Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) and Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).

I confirm that I have sent a duplicate copy of my completed application to the 2019 BCCA Trap Monitoring Coordinator, Beth Cavers, (Mailing address: The BCCA, Box 21059, Orchard Park PO, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9N8 and Email address: [admin@bcccherry.com](mailto:admin@bcccherry.com)) for the purpose of enrolling in the **“2019 Export Programs of Fresh British Columbia (BC) Cherries to Thailand, People’s Republic of China (PRC) and Japan”**.

I agree that failure to meet any of the listed requirements of this/these program(s) will result in removal from the program(s).

I understand that the information I provide on this document is collected by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) under the **authority of the Plant Protection Act** for the purpose of registration to export fresh BC Cherries to:

- Thailand
- People’s Republic of China
- Japan

In relation to this, I understand/acknowledge that:

- My personal information will be disclosed to the appropriate National Plant Protection Organization(s) (NPPO) for the purpose of confirming phytosanitary conditions and exporting fresh cherry fruit, in accordance with 8(2) of the Privacy Act. I understand that the NPPO may publish my personal information on web sites or by other means.
- My personal information collected by the Agency under Plant Protection Export Programs will be dealt with under the provisions of the Privacy Act and will be stored in Personal Information Bank CFIA IPP 155 and this information may be accessible or protected as required under the provisions of the Access to Information Act. I also acknowledge that this information will be retained for a period of 10 years in accordance with the Agency’s retention and disposition policies.

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Applicant Signature

Printed name

Date





**G. APPROVAL STATEMENT FROM THE CFIA**

Date of receipt of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Application approved? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

CFIA inspector name and signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Appendix 1

### Guidelines for packaging, wrapping and sealing cherries for Japan (January 2019)

This document includes examples of packaging, wrapping and sealing methods that Japanese officials have identified as being acceptable. All shipments of cherries must be wrapped and sealed exactly according to these specifications.

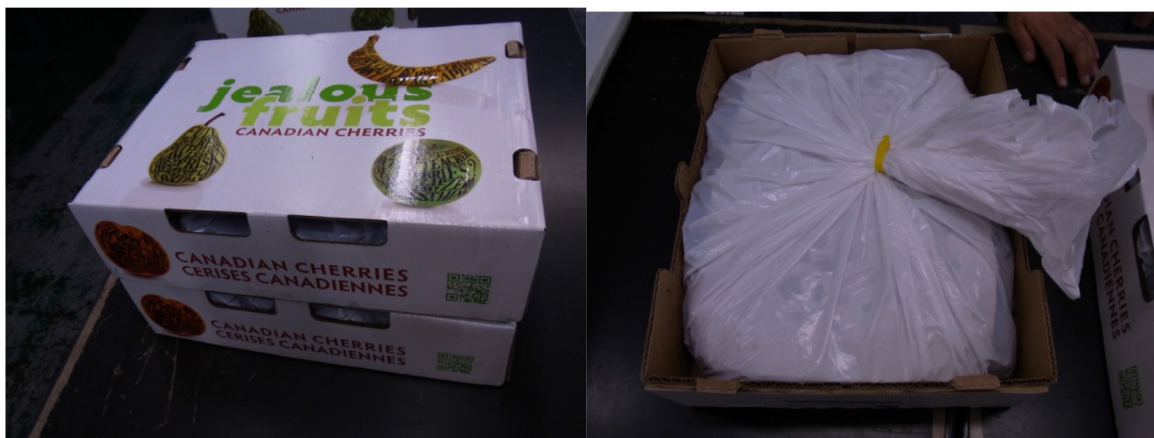
Please ensure that everyone handling cherry consignments at the packing facility and between the packing facility and the port of destination understand Japan's strict requirements for wrapping and sealing. Any shipments that do not meet MAFF's specifications when they arrive in Japan will be rejected.

The wrapping and sealing cherry consignments destined for Japan is the responsibility of the registered packing house and does not need to be done under CFIA supervision. The registered packing facility is responsible for supplying all the materials required to wrap and seal consignments of cherries destined for Japan, including the packing tape and/or labels that are pre-printed "INSPECTED - For Japan".

#### **A. Cherries destined for Japan must be packaged in a manner that protects the cherries from possible contamination by quarantine pests.**

Cherries must be packed in closed bags that do not have venting holes. The bags may be made of plastic or a material that is permeable to moisture but impermeable to pests, for example BreatheWay®. The bags should be clipped or securely closed.

Each carton must be clearly labelled with a 10 digit code. The first 3 digits must indicate the Julian date when the fruit was packed, the next 2 digits must be the registered packing facility number and the last 5 digits must be the registered orchard number. Below are photos showing one example of acceptable packaging for cherries destined to Japan.





**B. Consignments of cherries that are destined for Japan must also be “sealed” to prevent tampering after CFIA inspection and during shipping according to one of these options:**

### **Option 1 (sealing individual cartons)**

Each individual carton should be sealed individually with packing tape that is printed “INSPECTED” and labelled “FOR JAPAN”. Below is a photo showing cherry cartons that have been sealed individually with USDA-APHIS “green” tape. “FOR JAPAN” is printed on each carton.



If each of the cartons on a pallet is individually sealed with “INSPECTED - For Japan” tape, then the pallet does not need to be sealed. However if the seal on any carton is found to be broken/tampered with when the consignment is inspected at the port of entry in Japan, that carton will be rejected.

### **Option 2 (sealing the pallet)**

If the cartons on the pallet are not individually sealed, as described in option 1, then the entire pallet must be sealed. The objective of sealing the pallet is to secure all the cartons on the pallet so that cartons cannot be removed or replaced without breaking the seal. Guidelines for packing, strapping and sealing pallets of cherries are described below.

The cartons on the pallet should be secured using 4 vertical corner boards, 4 horizontal corner boards (or a top cover) and pallet strapping. A minimum of 1 horizontal pallet strap and 2 vertical pallet straps are required. The 2 vertical pallet straps must run perpendicular to each other through the pallet and around the stack of cartons.

The pallet must be sealed by placing “INSPECTED - For Japan” labels on top of the pallet strapping on all 4 sides of the pallet. The labels must be placed over top of the intersection of the horizontal and vertical pallet strapping. There must be a minimum of one label (seal) on each side of the pallet.

The pallet should then be wrapped in either netting or shrink wrap.

If the seal on the pallet is found to be tampered with (e.g. if even one of the labels is ripped or one of the pallet straps is broken) when the consignment is inspected at the port of entry in Japan, the entire shipment may be rejected.



Below is a photo showing a pallet of peppers that has been sealed using corner boards, pallet strapping and labels, according to Japan's specifications.



#### **Alternative options (proposals)**

Alternative wrapping and sealing proposals must be sent to the CFIA in writing ([cfia.horticulture.acia@canada.ca](mailto:cfia.horticulture.acia@canada.ca)) so they may be evaluated by Japan well in advance of shipping. Proposals will need to include both a written description and photos of the wrapping and sealing method.