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Plant Protection and Quarantine
Safeguarding Agriculture, Facilitating Safe Trade

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A Coordinated and Strategic Approach

• PPQ is the United States' National Plant Protection Organization
• Work with other USDA agencies and U.S. Trade Representative
• Work with industry and state departments of agriculture
Facilitating Safe Trade

Value of U.S. Agricultural Trade
(Billion dollars)

- Exports: $134.8
- Imports: $114.6

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Safeguarding Agriculture

Prevent pests from entering and becoming established in the United States
Fight back against pests that do get in
Facilitating Safe Trade

Promote the Use of Science-Based Standards

Resolve Plant Health Barriers to Trade

Certify the Health of U.S. Exports
International Plant Protection Convention

• 182 countries, including U.S.
• Standards:
  – Critical tools for negotiating technically sound trade requirements
  – Safely expand agricultural trade

Creating an Electronic Phytosanitary Certificate Exchange System

Harmonize communication between trading countries
Increase speed, efficiency, and savings for government and industry
Reduce or eliminate fraudulent certificates
Allow developing countries to participate in a global system with minimal cost
North American Plant Protection Organization

• U.S., Canada, Mexico
• Includes industry
• Develop harmonized approaches to manage regional pest threats
• Protect North America’s agricultural and natural resources

Further Reducing Forest Pest Threats to North America

Hosted workshop in 2016 for 42 government and industry experts from the United States, Canada, and Mexico

Collectively improving the implementation of ISPM 15—the standard for regulating wood packaging material
Resolving Plant Health Barriers to Trade

Resolved issues to retain and/or expand market access for U.S. plant products worth $1.2 billion

Secured the release of 319 U.S. shipments valued at more than $65 million
Certifying the Health of U.S. Exports

Conducted export and survey activities and issued more than **650,000 certificates** to support U.S. agricultural exports valued at **$134.8 billion** in 2016.
Trade Successes
Exporters: Stay in Touch with PPQ

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