

Canadian Food Agence canadienne Inspection Agency d'inspection des aliments

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Dear stakeholders,

SUBJECT: Update regarding the phased implementation of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's directive D-13-03 *Phytosanitary import requirements to prevent the introduction of* <u>Lobesia botrana</u>, *the European grapevine moth*

On January 1st, 2016 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced the implementation of the new directive D-13-03 to prevent the introduction of *Lobesia botrana*, the European grapevine moth, into Canada. However, the implementation of this directive has been delayed by the CFIA in order to support stakeholders in their transition to fulfill the new regulatory requirements. The new directive D-13-03 can be found at the following address: <u>http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/directives/horticulture/d-13-03/eng/1448986060402/1448986061775</u>

The new regulatory requirements will impact imported shipments of commodities that are regulated for *Lobesia botrana* (see Appendix 1 of D-13-03) and that originate from a country where *Lobesia botrana* is present (see Appendix 2 of D-13-03).

This notice is to announce that the new D-13-03 regulatory requirements will be implemented in a two-phased approach. The phases are as follows:

- **Phase 1:** On April 11th, 2016, D-13-03 requirements will go into effect for shipments of **grapes** and **blueberries** only from all locations regulated for *Lobesia botrana*.
- **Phase 2:** On July 1st, 2016, D-13-03 requirements will go into effect for shipments of **all other regulated commodities** from all locations regulated for *Lobesia botrana*.

On April 11th 2016, shipments of grapes and blueberries originating from countries where *Lobesia botrana* is present must meet one of three requirements: 1) production under a CFIA-approved systems approach, 2) production in a CFIA-approved pest free area or 3) fumigation.

Stakeholders will be granted a one-week period following the implementation date in which to meet the new requirements. Shipments which leave their country of origin prior to April 18th, 2016 will be authorized entry under the previous requirements. Any shipments which leave their country of origin on or after April 18th, 2016 must adhere to the new requirements.

NOTE: Shipments of regulated commodities that are first imported into the United States and intended for reexport to Canada or that are in-transit through the United States to Canada must be accompanied by documentation that demonstrates the commodity meets D-13-03 import requirements. If these shipments do not meet Canadian import requirements at the time of entry into the United States, they may be fumigated in the United States. In this case, a United States Department of Agriculture – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ) "Treated and Released" stamp must be applied to a certified copy of the phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin.

For any additional questions, please contact your local CFIA office.

