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Inspection Service

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The purpose of this letter is to clarify U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy in regard to phytosanitary export certification.

Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, provides phytosanitary inspection and certification for plants and unprocessed plant products grown or produced in the United States, its territories, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The inspection and certification functions are conducted according to the regulation set forth in Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 353-Phytosanitary Export certification, and in close conformity with the dictates of the Articles of the International Plant Protection Convention administered by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

Plant products considered to have been processed or manufactured to the extent that there is negligible risk of harboring injurious plant pests are not eligible for Federal phytosanitary certification even though such certification may be specifically required by the plant protection regulations of an importing country.

The "Oil Gator/Enretech" product is not considered to be eligible for Federal phytosanitary certification due to the processing it undergoes.

Sincerely,

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