

Shipping guidelines and documents required for Shipment of samples to AGQ US



Documents required for shipping:

- 1 Airway bill, provided by international courier (DHL, Fedex...).
- 2 Commercial invoice (example attached).
- 3 Import processed samples permit. Provided by AGQ USA lab.
- 4 Prior notice to FDA (only for Fruit/vegetables samples) (follow instructions via the [link](#)).

Type of samples that require the below procedures:

- 1 Water solutions.
- 2 Tissue samples.
- 3 Fruit/vegetables and other samples.

 **SENDING ANY OTHER SAMPLE TYPE SHOULD BE FIRST CHECKED WITH AGQ USA LOGISTICS**

Water solutions samples



Samples must be placed in a hermetic water container, minimum amount 100ml.



The Documents required are the Airway bill and the commercial invoice.

Tissue samples



Samples must be processed before shipping and placed in a hermetic container.

Type of processing:

For **nutrient analysis**, dried and grinded.

For **pesticide residue**, must be fresh and blended in a puree.



The Documents required are the Airway bill, commercial invoice and import permit for processed samples.

Fruit/vegetables and other samples

 Samples must be processed before shipping and place in a hermetic container to avoid spills in transportation.

Type of processing:

The process method can be blended, cut or dehydrated in small pieces.

For perishable products samples must be ship frozen and sealed with gel icepack in a cooler.


The most common and practical method will be to blend the samples in puree and freeze it before shipping, it is also acceptable chop it in small pieces.

Examples

Avocado samples. Remove pit and chop it in small pieces.

Banana samples. Cut in pieces fresh or dehydrated.

 **FRESH SAMPLES SHIPPING TO USA REQUIRE A SPECIFIC PERMIT DEPENDING ON COMMODITY AND THE SHIPPER COUNTRY. THE PERMIT FROM USDA CAN TAKE UP TO 30 BUSINESS DAYS.**

 The documents required are Airway bill, commercial invoice, processed sample import permit and prior notice to FDA online.

 All fruit/vegetables and food safety samples required a prior notice to FDA before shipping.

The shipper (who is the shipper? DHL or the AGQ lab?)

Must create an FDA account prior FDA notice of action [here](#).

Estimate Transit times to US from other regions/countries:

Times may vary due to random FDA inspections at the US border. Please check if the shipper country can export to USA.

Mexico and Canada: 1 to 2 business days.

Central America and south America: 2 to 3 business days.

Europe: 2 to 3 business days

Africa: 3 to 4 business days.

Middle east (allowed countries only): 3 to 4 business days.

Asia: 2 to 3 Business days.

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