

Work Plan of Remote Risk Analysis Inspection on Turkish citrus exports to China (draft)

According to the progress of risk analysis, the General Administration of Customs of China plans to conduct risk analysis and investigation on the pest control measures of Turkish citrus to be exported to China, of which is to improve the risk analysis report, and promote the safe export of Turkish citrus to China.

Regarding to the current spread of COVID-19, this investigation will be conducted remotely. The work plan is as follows,

1. Investigation Personnel and Methods

1.1 Joint Expert Group

A joint expert group shall be set up by the General Administration of Customs of China, the Chinese Embassy in Turkiye (to be confirmed) and Turkiye's phytosanitary authorities to conduct risk analysis and remote inspection. The list of experts will be agreed upon by the three parties. During the inspection, Turkiye's side shall organize relevant export enterprises to cooperate.

1.2 Investigation Methods

The investigation will be carried out in the form of "Video + On-site + Document review". Among them:

1.2.1 Video Investigation.

With the cooperation of Turkiye's experts, Chinese experts will conduct risk analysis and investigation of citrus exports to China through remote video.

1.2.2 On-site Investigation.

Experts from the Chinese Embassy in Turkiye shall go to relevant citrus production areas and, with the cooperation of experts in China via video link, carry out on-site risk analysis and assessment of citrus exports to China together with Turkish experts. The inspection shall include at least pest control, orchard management, packaging plant management, pre-export quarantine and certification system etc.

1.2.3 Document review.

According to the requirements of Chinese side, the Turkiye's side shall prepare relevant technical information (including documents and videos, etc. The requirements for supporting materials to be provided are shown in Part II) on the management of orchards and packaging plants and pest control for exports to China, and Chinese experts will review the documents.

1.2.4 Based on the results of the remote video investigation and document review, the Chinese experts will complete the remote risk analysis and investigation of Turkish citrus exports to China.

2. The content and key points

The investigation mainly includes four aspects:

2.1 Prevention and control of COVID-19 in Turkish citrus enterprises

Supportive documents to be provided include:

2.1.1. The prevention and control requirements of Turkish phytosanitary authorities on COVID-19 in the production and processing of citrus exported to China include health management of employees, prevention and control

requirements in the handling, storage and transportation process, prevention and control requirements in the production and processing process, emergency treatment, cleaning and disinfection, etc.

2.1.2. Records of training on COVID-19 prevention and control conducted by Turkish phytosanitary authorities on citrus orchards and packaging plants.

2.1.3. Implementation of COVID-19 prevention and control measures in the production and processing of citrus exports to China by Turkish citrus enterprises.

2.2 Construction of pest control system for citrus exports to China by Turkish phytosanitary authorities.

Supportive documents to be provided include :

2.2.1 Basic data on pest occurrence during Turkish citrus cultivation.

2.2.2 The control measures of citrus pests exports to China, the implementation of pests monitoring and its results, the operation report of the traceability system or relevant records, especially the pest control measures concerned from China's side.

2.2.3 Requirements and procedures for the registration of citrus orchard packing factories for export to China; List of citrus orchards and packing plants to be exported to China.

2.2.4 Training records of plant epidemic prevention and control in citrus orchards and packaging factories.

2.2.5 Records of daily supervision of citrus orchards and packing factories.

2.2.6 Pre-export inspection and quarantine of citrus exported to China from the Turkish authorities, including the information of quarantine institutions and laboratories, export quarantine procedures, sampling ratios, quarantine methods and inspection standards; Records of laboratory pest detection results, records of citrus samples (e.g. pesticide residues) tested by authorized/accredited laboratories, etc.

2.3 Pest control and quality control of citrus enterprises in Turkiye

Supportive documents to be provided include:

2.3.1 Floor Plan of orchard and packing factory under investigation.

2.3.2 The operation of pest epidemic prevention management system in orchards, including the survey records and survey summary of pests in orchards, pest control measures taken, etc.

2.3.3 Prevention and control measures of harmful organisms in packaging factory and related situation.

2.3.4 Application of pesticides during growth and packaging of citrus (such as type of pesticides, application time, concentration, frequency, application area, etc.)

2.3.5 Training status and records of technical personnel of citrus enterprises technical personnel.

2.4 Picking, transportation and packaging process of Citrus exports to China.

To provide recorded videos, and spot check the qualified on-site video during the inspection, including:

2.4.1 Orchard field management, such as citrus management during growth, picking site, etc.

2.4.2 The whole process of Citrus packaging factory from raw status till products, including raw materials to the factory, citrus sorting (if any), cleaning (if any), packaging, storage, shipping and other packaging processing.

3. Other requirements

3.1 The relevant preparatory work before the inspection.

In order to ensure the progress of the inspection, both sides should strengthen contact and make the following preparations in advance:

3.1.1 Two sides shall determine the specific date and schedule of the inspection, includes the list of investigation personnel of both sides, related work to be prepared in advance and special notices etc.

3.1.2 All verification materials, including various text and video materials, should be prepared in advance according to the requirements of the inspection content and key points, and submitted to the Chinese experts.

For the video of orchards and packing plants, the video data of at least one representative orchard and one packing plant should be provided in each producing area according to the distribution of major export producing areas. The Video can be introduced or illustrated in Chinese or English.

3.1.3 Turkish side shall prepare necessary inspection tools in advance, such as centrifuge tubes, tweezers, sample bags, alcohol cotton, hand-held magnifying glasses, filming equipment, etc.

3.1.4 During the inspection, the Turkish side shall ensure that all relevant Turkish personnel are in place and respond to the inquiries or investigations of

the Chinese expert team at any time, so as to avoid the delayed progress of the inspection work due to the absence of personnel.

3.2 Notification of survey results

China's side will inform Turkey's side of the investigation results. Turkey's side should complete the corrections or supplement as soon as possible if those relevant supporting documents are required. The Chinese experts will complete the risk assessment report based on the results of the risk analysis and investigation and the technical data provided by the Turkish side earlier. Both sides will also hold technical consultations on the Plant quarantine of imported citrus requirements and then finalize the text of the protocol as soon as possible.