

(c) *Segregation of certified articles.* Articles authorized for movement by a certificate after treatment in accordance with §318.58-4(b), taken aboard any ship, vessel, other surface craft, or aircraft in Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands of the United States, must, under the supervision of an inspector, be segregated and protected from infestation by any plant pest or disease.

(d) *Attachment of certificates.* Except as otherwise provided for certain air cargo and containerized cargo on ships moved in accordance with §318.58-10, each box, bale, crate, or other container of regulated articles moved under a certificate shall have the certificate attached to the outside of the container: *Provided*, that if a certificate is issued for a shipment of more than one container or for bulk products, the certificate shall be attached to or stamped on the accompanying waybill, manifest, or bill of lading.

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§318.58-4 Issuance of certificates or limited permits.

Under the following conditions, an inspector may issue a certificate or limited permit for the movement of regulated articles to be moved in accordance with this subpart:

(a) *Certification on basis of inspection or nature of lot involved.* An inspector may issue a certificate for fruits and vegetables designated in §318.58-2(b)(1) after he has inspected them and found that they appear free from infestation and infection, or has determined without an inspection that the lot for shipment is of such a nature that there appears to be no danger of infestation or infection.

(b) *Certification on basis of treatment.* Fruits and vegetables designated in §318.58-2(b) may be certified after undergoing an approved treatment contained in the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual under the supervision of an inspector and if the articles are handled after treatment in accordance with all conditions that the inspector requires. The Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual is incorporated by reference at §300.1 of this chapter. Treatments shall be applied at the expense of the ship-

per, owner, or person in charge of the articles. The Department of Agriculture or its inspector will not be responsible for loss or damage resulting from any treatment prescribed or supervised under this subpart.

(c) An inspector may issue a limited permit for the movement of fruits and vegetables otherwise prohibited movement under this subpart, if the articles are to be moved in accordance with §318.58-12 of this subpart.

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§318.58-4a Administrative instructions authorizing the movement from Puerto Rico of frozen fruits and vegetables.

(a) The type of treatment designated in this subpart as freezing shall be one of the commercially-acceptable methods that involves initial freezing at subzero temperatures and subsequent storage at not higher than 0 °F., with a storage tolerance of plus 20 °F. Such treatments are commonly known as quick freezing, sharp freezing, frozen-pack, or cold-pack. Any equivalent freezing method is also included in this designation.

(b) The Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs is satisfied that the movement of all fruits and vegetables specified in §318.58-2, when frozen, will not result in the dissemination of injurious insects. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in the proviso of §318.58-2, all fruits and vegetables specified therein, when frozen, are hereby removed from a prohibited status and are included in the list for which movement from Puerto Rico into or through any other State, Territory, or District is authorized in §318.58-3. Freezing is hereby prescribed as an approved treatment meeting the treatment requirements for the movement of fruits and vegetables specified in §318.58-3.¹

¹Further information concerning the movement of frozen fruits and vegetables from Puerto Rico may be obtained from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs, Room 4, Post Office Bldg., P.O. Box 3386, San Juan, PR 00901.