***Importing Fruits, Vegetables, & Specialty Crops Using ACE***

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, the [Marketing Order & Agreement Division](https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/moa) (MOAD) hosted a webinar on electronic Mandatory Filing for Section 8E Imports in the Customs and Border Protection Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). Moderated by MOAD Deputy Director Andrew Hatch, the presentation highlighted new procedures for importing fruits, vegetables and specialty crops into the United States. Facilitated by MOAD Assistant to the Director Richard Lower and Acting Compliance and Enforcement Branch Chief Peter Scarabelli, focus items included expediting the release process of imported goods, and multiple AMS filing scenarios to facilitate safe and efficient produce movement into the country.

MOAD’s Section 8E compliance activities support producer-driven programs with government oversight by ensuring imports of certain products meet the same quality standards as those applied to domestic products handled under Federal marketing orders. MOAD’s effort is in partnership with the Specialty Crops Inspection Division and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to facilitate timely access to information on imported products and the completion of mandatory inspections.

Click here for the recording [link](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.zoomgov.com%2Frec%2Fshare%2F_-d3MLXW7yBLa4nAzV_fHacLD5T0T6a8hnMZ-PIFxExS2JqWnZUi75oLT1Ezwvco&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cbd1b86f1958c4a2b394408d822b4460c%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637297504946181313&sdata=yq%2FMU%2BEpOppbMc3GdQK80hrsooKWbCQQAUVGvxmNbA4%3D&reserved=0). Learn about nine (9) import scenarios contained in the CBP and Trade Automated Interface Requirements ([CATAIR](https://www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair)) document establishing the correct documentation needed for each situation. Importers, brokers, and industry stakeholders received updated information. The implementation of the ACE electronic system is happening now and the deadline for implementation is September 2, 2020. For more details, email us at [8eimports@usda.gov](mailto:8eimports@usda.gov) or [complianceinfo@usda.gov](mailto:complianceinfo@usda.gov) .