

Section 8E Regulations for Potatoes, Onions, and Tomatoes Imported from Canada – FAQs

When can loads of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes imported from Canada into the United States be certified as meeting import requirements?

Loads of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes can be certified either prior to import into the United States or upon arrival at destination within the United States. Certification must be completed prior to the load entering the United States stream of commerce.

Who can certify loads of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes imported from Canada into the United States as meeting import requirements?

Only the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), authorized Canadian – Partners in Quality (C-PIQ) for potatoes only, and Federal or Federal/State United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Specialty Crops Program (SCP), Specialty Crops Inspection Division licensed inspectors can certify the loads as meeting the grade, size, quality, and maturity import requirements.

What Section 8e import requirement inspection certificates are acceptable?

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency E-2, E-3, and C-PIQ (for potatoes only) and the USDA FV-E300, FV-E301, SC-300, and SC-301 are the only acceptable inspection certificates to certify the loads as meeting the grade, size, quality, and maturity import requirements.

What potatoes, onions, and tomatoes are regulated under Section 8e, what are the import requirements for each, when, if any, are the exempt periods and all exemptions to the import requirements?

Please refer to link provided to access import requirements for potatoes, onions, and tomatoes covered under Section 8e, any exempt periods, and all exemptions to the import requirements.

[Import Requirements, Exempt Periods, and All Exemptions](#)

How can potatoes, onions, and tomatoes for further processing be imported into the United States from Canada exempt from the import requirements?

See [Filing an SC-6 Certificate in CEMS](#) for more information on electronic filing of the SC-6 Importers Exempt Commodity Form.

Can potatoes, onions, and tomatoes for donation to charity or relief organizations be imported into the United States from Canada?

Yes. The process for importing these commodities, is identical to the process for importing these commodities for further processing. [Filing an SC-6 Certificate in CEMS USDA Authorized Relief Organizations](#)

For any additional questions please contact:

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Section 8E Regulations for Potatoes, Onions, and Tomatoes Imported from Canada into Territories of the United States (U.S.)– FAQs

When can loads of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes imported from Canada into territories of the United States be certified as meeting import requirements?

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Are loads of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes imported from Canada into territories of the U.S. required to meet import requirements?

Yes. Imports of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes from Canada into territories of the U.S. are held to the same standards as imports from Canada into the U.S.

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