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with field-grown grapes. However, the Department assumes no responsibility for any damage sustained through or in the course of such treatment or by compliance with requirements under paragraph (e) of this section or in the precooling of fruit required prior to unloading from the vessel.

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§ 319.56-2l Administrative instructions prescribing method of treatment of imported yams.

(a) *Fumigation upon arrival.* Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this section, approved fumigation with methyl bromide at normal atmospheric pressure, in accordance with the following procedure, upon arrival at the port of entry, is hereby prescribed as a condition of importation under permit under § 319.56-2 for shipments of yams from all foreign countries.

(1) *Ports of entry.* Yams to be offered for entry may be shipped, under permit under § 319.56-2, direct from the country of origin to ports in the United States where approved fumigation facilities are available.

(2) *Approved fumigation.* (i) The approved fumigation shall consist of fumigation with methyl bromide at normal atmospheric pressure, in a fumigation chamber that has been approved for that purpose by the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs. The dosage shall be applied at the following rates:

Temperature, (°F.)	Dosage (pounds of methyl bromide per 1,000 cubic feet)	Exposure period (hours)
90-96	2.5	4
80-89	3.0	4
70-79	3.5	4

(ii) Yams to be fumigated may be packed in slatted crates or other gas-permeable containers. The fumigation chamber shall not be loaded to more than two-thirds of its capacity. The four-hour exposure period shall begin when all the fumigant has been introduced into the chamber and volatilized. Cubic feet of space shall include the load of yams to be fumigated. The required temperatures apply to both the air and the yams. Good circulation

above and below the load shall be provided as soon as the yams are loaded in the chamber and shall continue during the full period of fumigation and until the yams have been removed to a well-ventilated location. Fumigation of yams below the minimum temperature prescribed in the fumigation schedule may result in injury to the yams and should be avoided. Yams are sensitive to bruising and should be carefully packed to prevent this. At the same time they should be given as much aeration as possible.

(3) *Other conditions.* (i) Inspectors of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs will supervise the fumigation of yams and will specify such safeguards as may be necessary for their handling and transportation before and after fumigation, if, in the opinion of the inspector, this is necessary to assure there will be no pest risk associated with the importation and treatment. Final release of the yams for entry into the United States will be conditioned upon compliance with the specified safeguards.

(ii) Supervision of approved fumigation chambers will, if practicable, be carried on as a part of normal port inspection activities. When so available such supervision will be furnished without cost to the owner of the yams or his representative.

(4) *Costs.* All costs of treatment and required safeguards and supervision, other than the services of the supervising inspector during regularly assigned hours of duty and at the usual place of duty, shall be borne by the owner of the yams, or his representative.

(5) *Department not responsible for damage.* While the prescribed treatment is judged from experimental tests to be safe for use with yams, the Department assumes no responsibility for any damage sustained through or in the course of treatment or because of pretreatment or posttreatment safeguards.

(b) *Alternate procedures.* (1) Yams produced in Japan and offered for entry under a permit issued in accordance with § 319.56-2 shall be subject to examination by an inspector at the port of entry. If this examination shows the yams to be free of plant pests, they

may be imported without the fumigation required by paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) Yams produced in Cuba, if satisfactorily treated in Cuba and otherwise handled and certified as provided in this subparagraph will be eligible for entry under permit under §319.56-2.

(i) *Approved fumigation.* The yams shall be fumigated at approved plants in Cuba in accordance with paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(ii) *Approval of fumigation plants; costs of supervision.* Fumigation in Cuba will be contingent upon the availability of a fumigation plant, approved by the Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs, to apply the treatment prescribed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section and upon the availability of qualified personnel for assignment to approve the plant and to supervise the treatment and posttreatment handling of the yams in Cuba. Those in interest must make advance arrangements for approval of the fumigation plant and for supervision, and furnish the Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs with acceptable assurances that they will provide, without cost to the United States Department of Agriculture, for all transportation, per diem, and other incidental expenses of such personnel and compensation for such personnel for their services in excess of 40 hours weekly, in connection with such approval and supervision, according to the rates established for the payment of inspectors of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs.

(iii) *Supervision of fumigation and subsequent handling.* The fumigation prescribed in this paragraph and the subsequent handling of the yams so fumigated must be under the supervision of a representative of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs. The treated yams must be safeguarded against insect infestation during the period prior to shipment from Cuba, in a manner required by such representative.

(iv) *Certification.* Yams will be certified by a representative of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs in Cuba for entry into the United States upon the basis of treatment

under this subparagraph and compliance with the posttreatment safeguard requirements imposed by such representative. The final release of the yams for entry into the United States will be conditioned upon compliance with such requirements and upon satisfactory inspection on arrival to determine efficacy of treatment.

(v) *Costs.* All costs incident to fumigation, including those for construction, equipping, maintaining and operating fumigation plants and facilities, and carrying out requirements of posttreatment safeguards, and all costs as indicated in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section incident to plant approval and supervision of treatment and subsequent handling of the yams in Cuba shall be borne by the owner of the yams or his representative.

(vi) *Department not responsible for damage.* The treatment prescribed in paragraph (a)(2) of this section is judged from experimental tests to be safe for use with yams. However, the Department assumes no responsibility for any damage sustained through or in the course of treatment, or because of posttreatment safeguards.

(vii) *Ports of entry.* Yams to be offered for entry in accordance with the alternate procedure provided for in this subparagraph may be entered under permit under §319.56-2 at any United States port where an inspector is stationed.

(viii) *Ineligible shipments.* Any shipments of yams produced in Cuba that are not eligible for certification under the alternate procedure provided for in this paragraph may enter only upon compliance with paragraph (a) of this section.

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§ 319.56-2m Administrative instructions prescribing method of fumigation of apricots, grapes, nectarines, peaches, plumcot, and plums from Chile.

Approved fumigation with methyl bromide at normal atmospheric pressure, in accordance with the following procedure, is hereby prescribed as a condition of entry under permit for all shipments of apricots, grapes, nectarines, peaches, plumcot, and plums