

The import requirements for *Diospyros kaki* (Persimmon) fruit from the Republic of South Africa (RSA) into the United States of America (USA) are as follows:

- a.) Import Permits (P) will be required for all importations of persimmon fruit from RSA. It is the responsibility of the US importer to obtain one by completing the form online at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits/pP'Lepermits.shl> or by contacting Import Services at 877770-5990. IP applicants must have a valid U.S. street address.
- b.) The persimmon fruit must be irradiated with a minimum absorbed dose of 400 Gy and follow the requirements of 7CFR parts 305 and 319
- c.) A Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) is required to accompany each consignment:
- d.) If irradiation is applied outside the United States, each consignment of fruit must be inspected jointly by inspectors from APHIS and the NPPO of RSA prior to departure and accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) issued by the NPPO of RSA certifying that the fruit received the required irradiation treatment. Fruit irradiated in the country of origin must take place under an APHIS preclearance program.
- e.) If irradiation is to be applied upon arrival in the United States, each consignment of fruit must be inspected by RSA inspectors prior to departure and accompanied by a PC issued by the NPPO of RSA.
- f.) The fruit must be commercially produced and be part of a commercial consignment as defined in Section 319.56-2. g.) Each consignment is subject to inspection at the United States ports-of-entry