Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection Quarantine

Smuggling Interdiction & Trade Compliance

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History

1990's

• Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) and Investigative Enforcement Service (IES) formed a team that determined prohibited Thailand products were being smuggled through the Canadian border in enormous quantities.

• Concurrently **CLAMP** – “Closing the Los Angeles Market Place” and **FIST** – “Florida Interdiction & Smuggling Team” were formed to combat smuggling through Florida and California.

Late 1990's

• PPQ created liaison officer positions whose duties included working with IES investigators to identify and close the pathways of the unlawful entry and domestic distribution of prohibited foreign agricultural products into the United States.

2001

• PPQ reorganized the liaison officer positions into the current Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Program (SITC)
What is Smuggling Interdiction & Trade Compliance today?

- APHIS-PPQ’s Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance Program (SITC) is involved with efforts to **prevent the unlawful entry, introduction and distribution of prohibited agricultural commodities and products that may harbor harmful exotic plant and animal pests, diseases, or invasive species**.

- So *basically* we identify pathways of prohibited products coming into the United States and assist with their closure.
Authority

**Plant Protection Acts** – 7 U.S.C. 7734, 7 U.S.C 164a....

**Animal Quarantine Laws** - 7 U.S.C. 1622, 1624, 19 U.S.C 1306, 21 U.S.C 111, 134a, 134d....

- Warrantless inspections on persons and conveyance moving into country...
- Inspections of persons and conveyances moving interstate with probable cause...
- Seizure and destruction for items regulated under such laws...
What we protect agriculture from:

• **Plant Diseases and Pests:**
  - Citrus Canker
  - Citrus Greening
  - Citrus Black Spot
  - Cactus Moth
  - Asian Longhorn Beetle
  - Khapra Beetle
  - Panicle Rice Mite
  - Emerald Ash Borer
  - Giant African Snail
  - FNW

• **Animal Diseases:**
  - Foot & Mouth Disease
  - Exotic Newcastle Disease
  - Bovine Spongiphorm Encephalopathy (BSE)
  - African Swine Fever
  - Classical Swine Fever
  - Avian Influenza (HPAI)
Where all do we work?

- Airport Cargo
- Overnight/Express Couriers
- Passenger Baggage
- Border Cargo Crossing Stations
- Border Patrol Check Points
- Maritime Cargo
- Inspection Stations
- Commerce Site Surveys (Retail markets, distributors, flea markets, street vendors, and warehouses)
- Weigh Stations
- Inland Cargo
- International Mail Facilities
- Monitors Internet Sales
Commerce Sites
Express Couriers
eBay / Internet
What else you need to know...

• SITC works with a variety of agencies...federal (DHS – CBP, FWS), state (Dept. State Health Services, TPWD), as well a several municipal/city government entities (Health Dept., Sherriff's Dept., etc.)

• We LOVE referrals...do you know of a new importer, maybe you heard about an agriculture product being smuggled into the country, you went to a store or restaurant that served an item you know is not allowed...

• If you have questions such as how to obtain a permit or you want to know if something is regulated...
Questions?

Thank you for your time, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email....

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