

PCIT

Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking



PCIT has been named by InfoWorld as one of the top 100 IT projects of 2007 and is also a 2008 Computerworld Honors Program Award winner! Congratulations PCIT!



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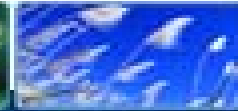
USDA Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)

PCIT is now a [USDA eAuthentication](#) application. A Level-1 eAuthentication Account is required to access PCIT. To start the eAuth process in order to sign in, click the 'Log In' button. [Click here to add PCIT to your favorites.](#)



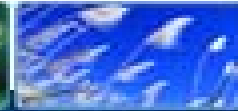
The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) are responsible for safeguarding agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds.

The PCIT system tracks the inspection of agricultural products and certifies compliance with plant health standards of importing countries. This capability provides APHIS/PPQ better security, reporting functions, and monitoring capabilities for exported commodities.



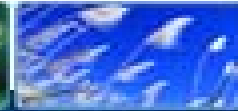
System Use Facts

- User Groups
 - Industry
 - 4472 Companies
 - 5399 Individuals
 - Government
 - 2528 Individuals
- Nationwide
 - December 2005-December 2006
 - 12,225 certificates issued
 - 2007
 - 104,430 certificates issued
 - 2008
 - 243,633 Certificates issued
 - Total – 436,475 Certificates (as of 04/31/2009)



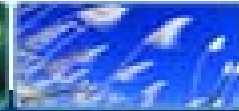
PCIT Releases

- 26 releases since December 2005
- 400+ changes
 - Identified needs
 - Scheduled tasks
 - Improve and/or Added Functionality
 - User Feedback
 - Internal and External
 - Greatest Impact
 - Broad reaching
 - Improved User Experience



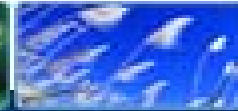
PCIT Features

- Web Accessible
- Role Based System
 - Rights determine what people can do
 - Industry
 - Government
- Tracking of certifying officials
 - Automatic demotion
 - Provides warnings about status
- On-Line Payment for Certificates
 - **\$9,000,000** in certificate fees collected



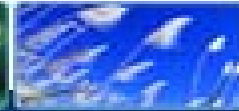
PCIT Benefits

- More timely issuance of PCs and Re-export PCs
- Issuance and recordkeeping more standardized
- Improved reporting capabilities
- Improved service to industry
- Faster audits of entire program or special programs
- Facilitation of trace backs and held shipments
- Increased Market Access
- Congressional Inquiries



Future of PCIT

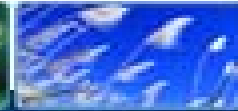
- New requirements database
- Data Reporting/Warehousing
- International Exchange
 - Send phytosanitary certificates
 - Digest Incoming phytosanitary certificates
- Other applications
 - Single window (ACE/ITDS)
 - Link with other USDA systems



Current Challenges:

Common Name	Botanical Name
Eastern sandcherry	Prunus pumila
Great lakes sandcherry	Prunus pumila
Western sandcherry	Prunus pumila
Sesquehana sandcherry	Prunus pumila
Sandcherry	Prunus pumila

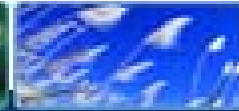
- Multiple common names for same commodity
- Requirements are generally based on botanical names
- Leads to difficulty in reporting



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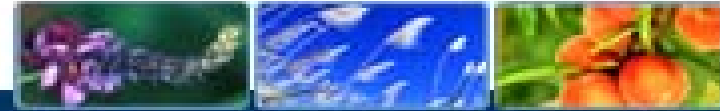
Genus	Species	Quantity	Unit
Nicotiana	tabacum	1181.8	Grams
Nicotiana	tabacum	0.5	Kilograms
Nicotiana	tabacum	48	Pounds
Nicotiana	tabacum	48587000	Pellets
Nicotiana	tabacum	12000000	Individual

- All have the same plant part: "seed"
- Leads to difficulty in reporting



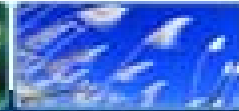
Lessons Learned

- As time passes, the system has become much more than just a document generation tool
- Development is a constantly evolving process
- Listen and Adapt
 - Not every change makes users happy
- Enforce internal policies/standard terms
 - Open to closed
 - Generic to specific
- User Community has a Diverse Spectrum of:
 - Needs
 - Skills
 - Knowledge
 - Capability



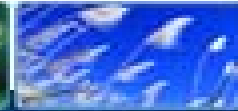
Training

- Webinars
 - USDA/APHIS website
 - Timed with releases
 - Government and Industry
 - Ad hoc
- User outreach
 - Meetings
 - Presentations
- Help desk accessible by phone and e-mail



Websites:

- Production Website:
 - <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/>
- Training website:
 - <https://pcit-training.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/>
- PCIT Site Contact Us Page
 - User Guides
- Export Program Manual
 - Appendix H



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