

Export Rules Participants,

During the Zero Based Rulemaking (ZBR) review of [IDAPA 02.06.04 – Rules Governing Plant Exports](#), there was some really good discussion on the purpose of proposed changes and clear direction requesting timely stakeholder involvement prior to any fee change proposals going forward. That is a commitment that will be honored.

Of the official comments received there was a proposal to adjust the definition of a rush fee. This proposal came from the perspective of Customer Assisted Inspection Program, and inspection service provided by the ISDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetables (FF&V), Ag. Inspections division. It is important to distinguish that FF&V customers obtain services based off of the fee schedules found on the ISDA website here: <https://agri.idaho.gov/main/about/about-isda/ag-inspections/fresh-fruit-vegetable-inspection-service/fee-schedules/>. FF&V customers are not charged according to the Plant Exports fee structure.

The primary objective in the ZBR process is to streamline rules to reduce redundancies, inconsistencies, conflicts with other state or federal rules, and to ensure that the rules are consistent with statutory authority. Foremost, to provide assurance these rules are still relevant and practical in providing needed phytosanitary and field inspection services.

Happy to discuss on the topic further by any means that is convenient for this busy time of year. If there are any written comments for the record, please send those to: rulesinfo@isda.idaho.gov which will remain open through June 30th.

Thank you,

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