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# **Seattle Plant Inspection Station (PIS)**

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Topics:

PPQ overview

Plant Inspection Station (PIS)

PPQ officers' role in the inspection process

- Inspecting commodities

- Monitoring treatments

Identifiers' role in the inspection process

- Identification

- Assigning treatments

## *The Mission of PPQ*

*“To safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests, and facilitate the safe trade of agricultural products.”*



## Plant Inspection Stations' role

Officers perform the following functions

- Document review import permits, phytosanitary certificates, species list, etc.
- Inspecting for pests of concern
- Submitting pests for identification
- Communication options with broker if pest is found
- Monitoring treatments

\*Note Identifiers are responsible for prescribing treatments if an actionable pest is found.





## Federal Noxious Weeds

Itchgrass



Dayflower



## Identification process

Suspected pests are received, time stamped, and distributed to the appropriate identifier.

Identifier determines if pest are.

- Actionable
- Non-actionable

If action is called, options available are.

- Re-Exportation
  - Destruction
  - Treatment depending on pest of concern
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- ❖ Not all treatments are right for all commodities.
  - ❖ NIS identification









## PPQ Processes

### Inspections

- PPQ inspects plants, woody tree seeds, and shrub seeds for import

### Identification

- PPQ places the final identification on pest

### Treatments

- PPQ monitors AQI fumigation treatments

### Code of Federal Regulations (common)

- 7 CFR 318 ( Hawaii )
- 7 CFR 319 ( foreign quarantine notices)
- 7 CFR 360 (Federal Seed Act)
- 7 CFR 361 (Federal Noxious Weeds)