

**PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH BLUEBERRY
FRUITS (*Vaccinium corymbosum* L., *Vaccinium virginatum* Aiton and *Vaccinium
corymbosum* hybrid) IMPORTED FROM THE U.S. INTO VIETNAM**

General information

The phytosanitary requirement is developed by the Plant Protection Department (PPD), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam. Based on results of the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) report, the pests listed in *Annex 1* are concluded as quarantine pests associated with fresh blueberry fruits imported from the U.S. into Vietnam.

Fresh blueberry fruits imported from the U.S. into Vietnam shall comply with following requirements:

1. Registration

a) Packing houses for blueberry fruits exported to Vietnam shall be registered with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the designated National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the U.S. (hereinafter referred to as APHIS);

b) Registered packing houses will maintain a list of orchards designated to produce blueberry fruits for export to Vietnam and must have a system in place to ensure that all fruits can be traced to the supplying orchard.

c) APHIS will ensure that blueberries are only exported to Vietnam from production orchards that are managed for pests of concern to Vietnam. Registered packing houses will be monitored by APHIS to ensure that safeguarding measures are in place to prevent entry and re-infestation of pests.

d) In the event of a non-compliance, registration records will be made available for inspection and audit by PPD on request.

2. Systems approach risk management measures

All conditions in the following items, which are applied for risk management, should be implemented:

a) APHIS ensures the **efficacy** of the systems approach to mitigate the risk of introducing quarantine pests.

b) During the initial export season, APHIS shall invite Vietnam quarantine experts to the U.S. to conduct an on-site visit to a representative production area (or areas) to verify and confirm the implementation of the systems approach program to ensure shipment freedom from quarantine pests (*Annex 1*). This on-site survey should be cost-covered by exporting country.

2.1. Production field component

2.1.1. Conditions, which are applied for risk management of *Drosophila suzukii*, *Rhagoletis mendax*, *Acrobasis vaccinia*, *Choristoneura rosaceana*, *Grapholita packardi*, *Exobasidium vaccinia* and *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi* at production field/orchards managed according to integrated pest management (IPM), are specified in *Annex 2*.

2.1.2. Following conditions are applied for risk management of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*, *Pseudomonas viridiflava*, *Diaspidiotus ancylus*, *Lepidosaphes ulmi*, *Pinnaspis strachani*, *Diaporthe vaccinia* at production field/orchards:

a) APHIS will ensure that blueberries for export to Vietnam are grown in orchards managed in

accordance with integrated pest management (IPM) guidelines, as prescribed by the Federal/State Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service, to ensure that quarantine pests of concern to Vietnam are adequately controlled. Growers must maintain records of management, monitoring, and control activities undertaken in orchards throughout the growing season.

b) In the event of an incursion of *Ceratitis capitata* (Mediterranean fruit fly) into any blueberry production area of the continental United States, APHIS will notify PPD of the incursion within 96 hours. APHIS will immediately suspend the export of blueberries from any production orchards located within the Mediterranean fruit fly regulated area until eradication of the incursion is declared and notified to PPD.

2.2. Harvest component

- Fruit is hand harvested. Fruit exhibiting signs of insect damage is not harvested. Fruit exhibiting signs of *Exobasidium vaccinia* and *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi* is not harvested.
- The conditions, which are applied for risk management of quarantine pests (*Annex 1*) at harvest stage, are specified in *Annex 3*.

2.3. Post-harvest component

- The conditions, which are applied for risk management of quarantine pests (*Annex 1*) at Post-harvest stage, are specified in *Annex 4*.
- Zero tolerance for any quarantine pests (*Annex 1*) in fruit packed for export to Vietnam.
- Following conditions are applied for *sorting and packing process*:
 - a) In packing houses, fresh blueberry fruits shall be sorted at least two times before packing into the export carton using electronic sorters and/or hand sorting by packing house staff who have knowledge on plant pests to remove all the deformed or damaged fresh table fruits;
 - First before packing process
 - Second at packing line
 - b) On the outside of the export packing boxes of fresh blueberry fruits shall be marked “For Vietnam” and with the grower lot numbers and the name (or registration code) of packing houses.
 - c) The packing materials shall be compliant with ISPM 15.

2.4. Phytosanitary export inspection component

- a) The conditions, which are applied for risk management of quarantine pests (*Annex 1*) at Phytosanitary export inspection stage, are specified in *Annex 5*
- b) The fruit in the consignments prior to shipment are subject to appropriate phytosanitary export inspection to ensure that the consignments are met all phytosanitary import requirements.
- c) In case where one of these quarantine pest species (*Annex 1*) found in the consignment, this consignment will be rejected.

2.5. Post-harvest storage and transport component

Conditions, which are applied for risk management of quarantine pests (*Annex 1*) at Post-harvest storage and transport stage, are specified in *Annex 6*

3. Pre-export inspection

- a) The import permit will be delivered by PPD to the importer. This import permit will be presented by U.S. exporter to APHIS to request a phytosanitary certificate.

b) The consignment must be inspected in accordance with official procedures and found to be free from quarantine pests specified in the *Annex I*

c) A phytosanitary certificate issued by APHIS is required for each consignment. Each phytosanitary certificate must be included the additional declaration, stating in English:

“The consignment of blueberry fruits has been produced and prepared for export in accordance with the phytosanitary import requirements for importation of fresh blueberry fruits (*Vaccinium corymbosum* L., *Vaccinium virginatum* Aiton and *Vaccinium corymbosum* hybrid) from the U.S. into Vietnam”.

d) The consignment must be also practically free from soil, plant debris/leaf.

4. Import inspection

Upon arrival in Vietnam, every consignment will be inspected by PPD. If any quarantine pest (*Annex I*) is detected during inspection, the consignment shall be treated according to Vietnamese phytosanitary regulations.

5. Review policy

PPD reserves the right to review this phytosanitary requirements at any time if quarantine pests are detected. The review is also considered when the phytosanitary status of the exporting country changes.

Annex 1: List of quarantine pests

Ceratitis capitata

Drosophila suzukii

Pseudomonas syringae pv. *syringae*

Pseudomonas viridiflava

Rhagoletis mendax

Diaspidiotus ancylus

Lepidosaphes ulmi

Pinnaspis strachani

Acrobasis vaccinii

Choristoneura rosaceana

Grapholita packardi

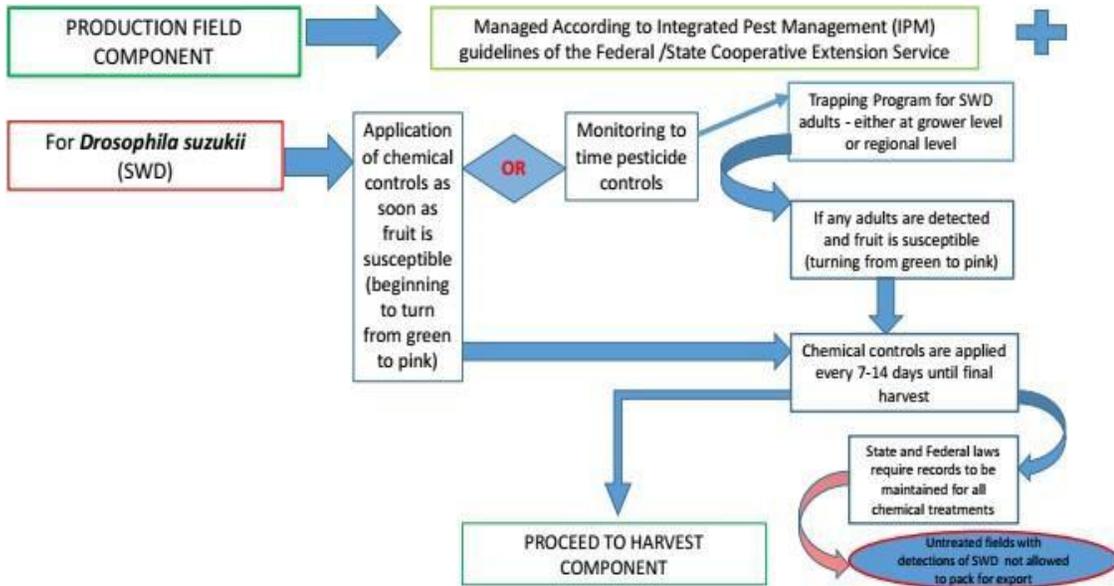
Diaporthe vaccinii

Exobasidium vaccinii

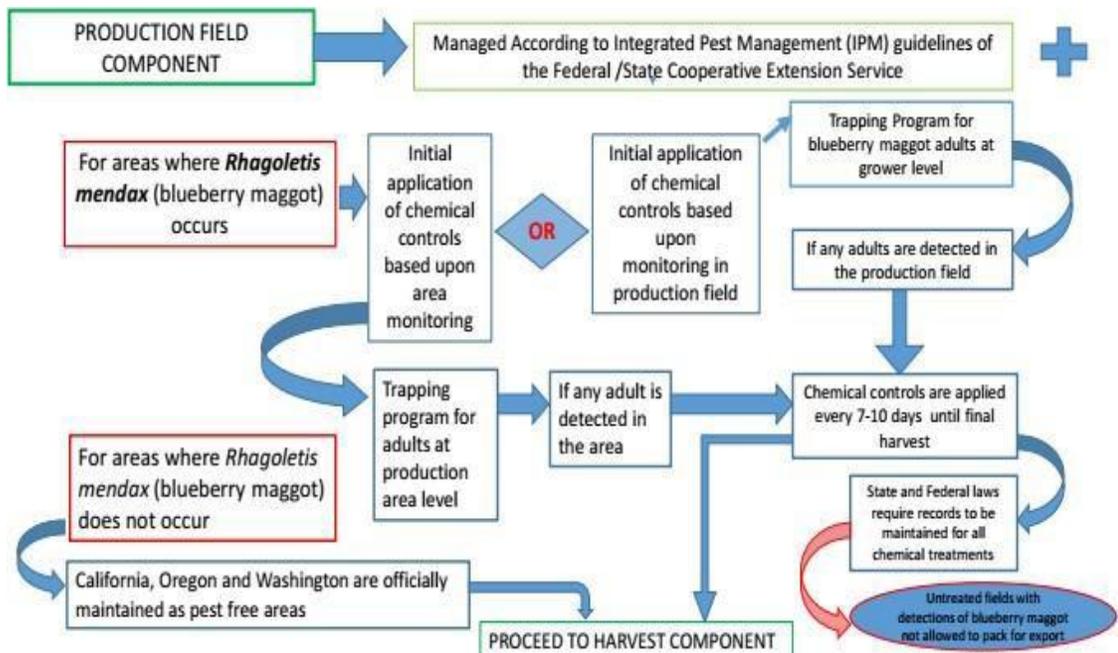
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Annex 2: Production field/orchard component

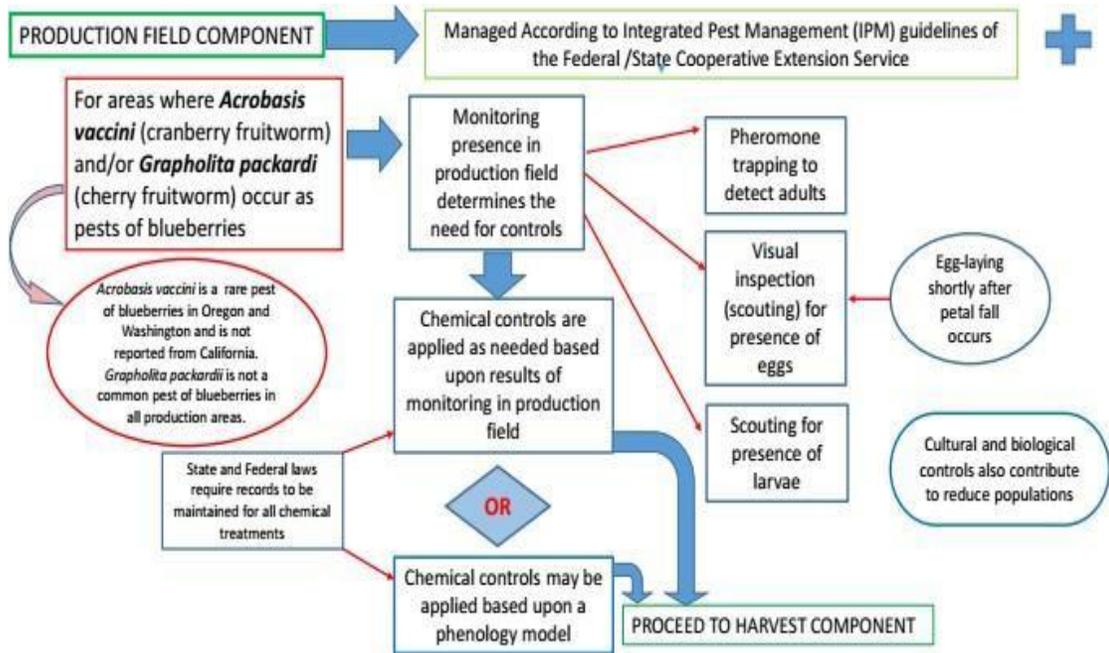
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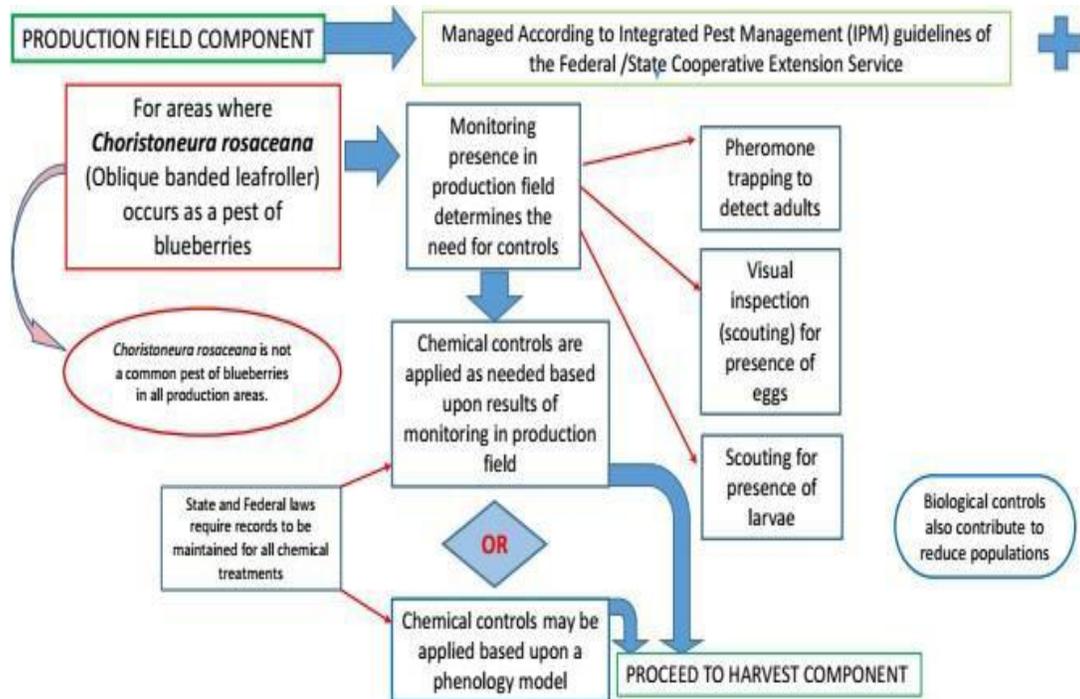
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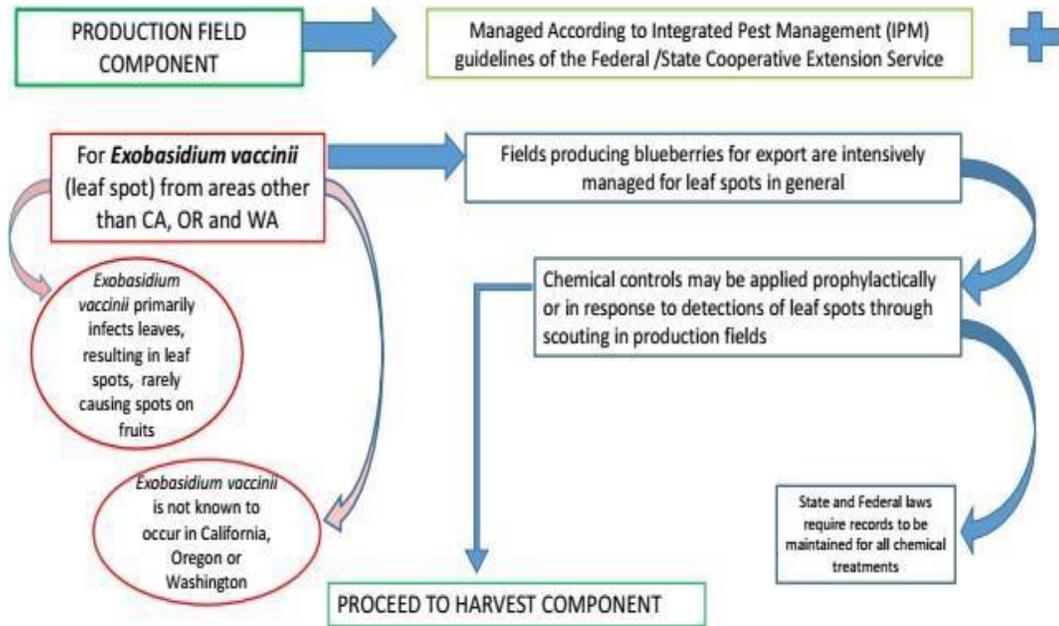
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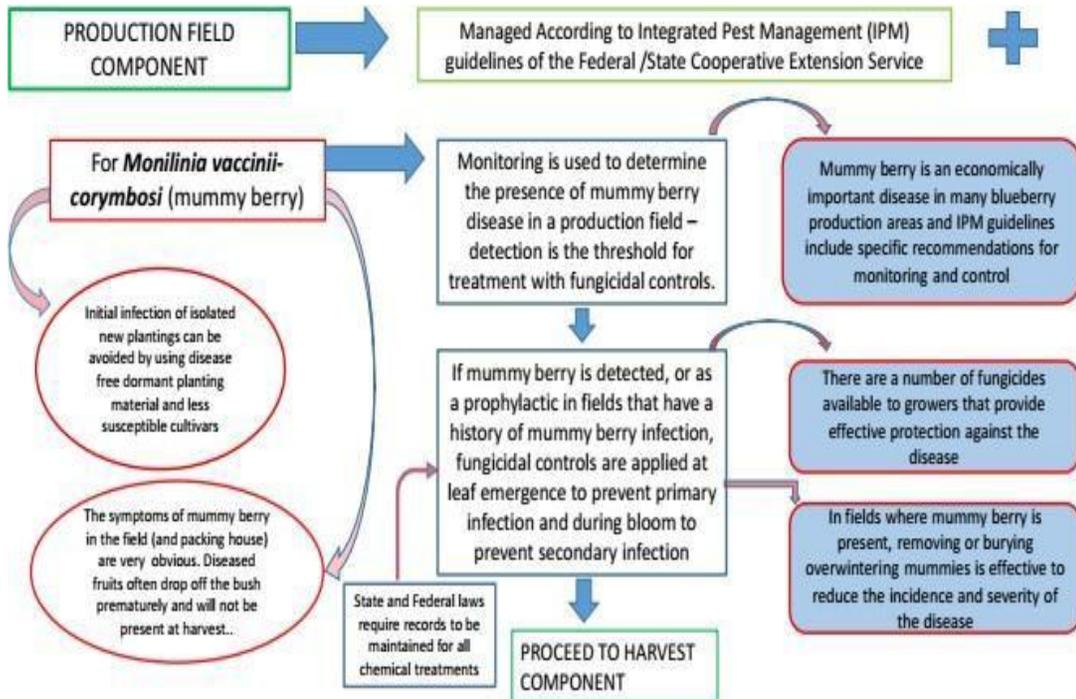
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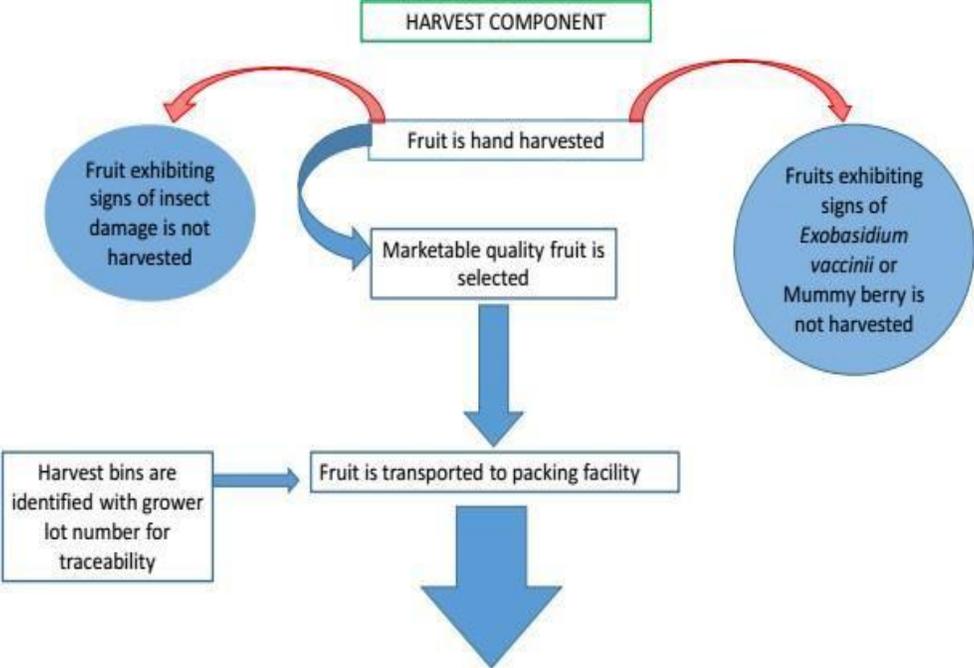
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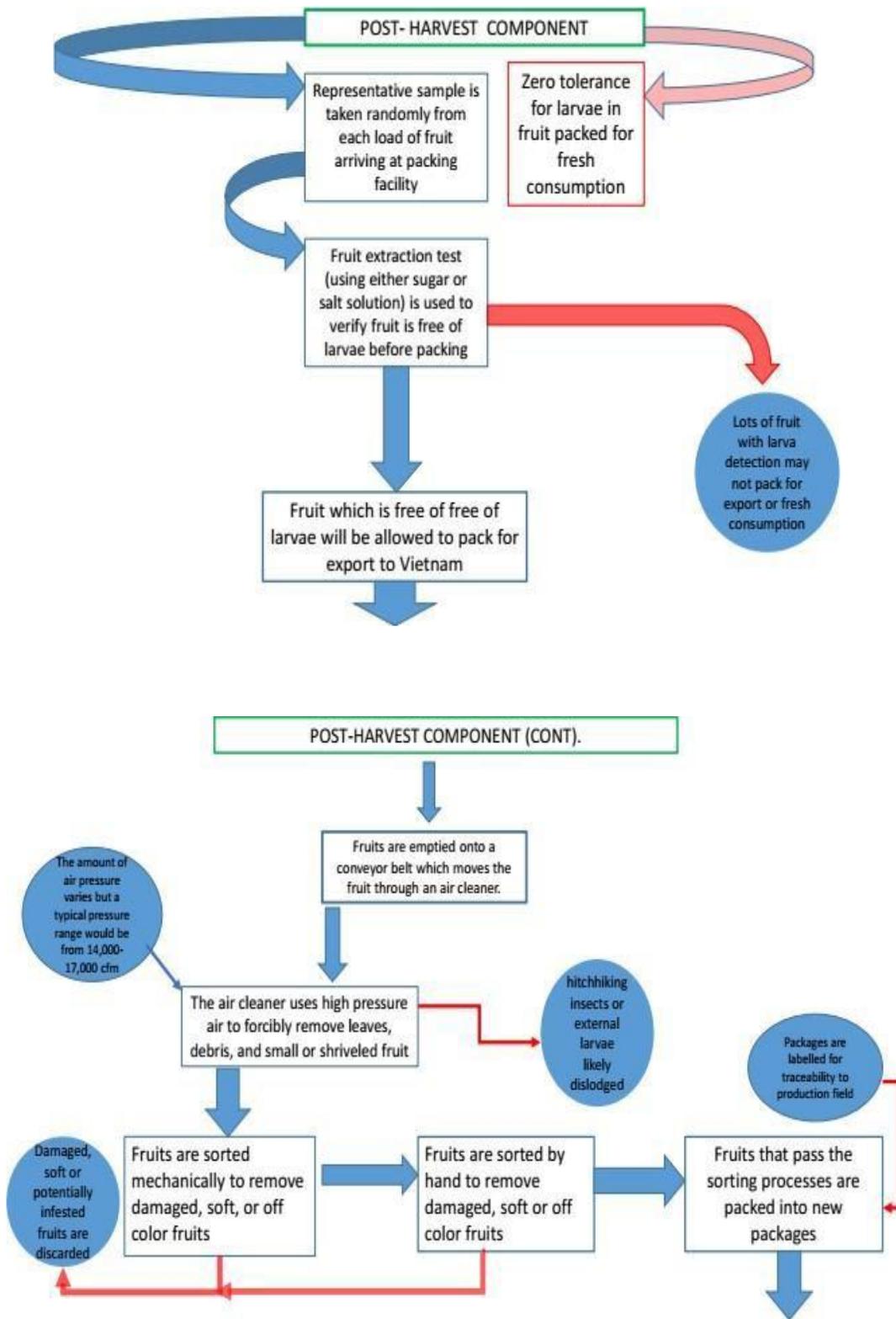
6. For *Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi*



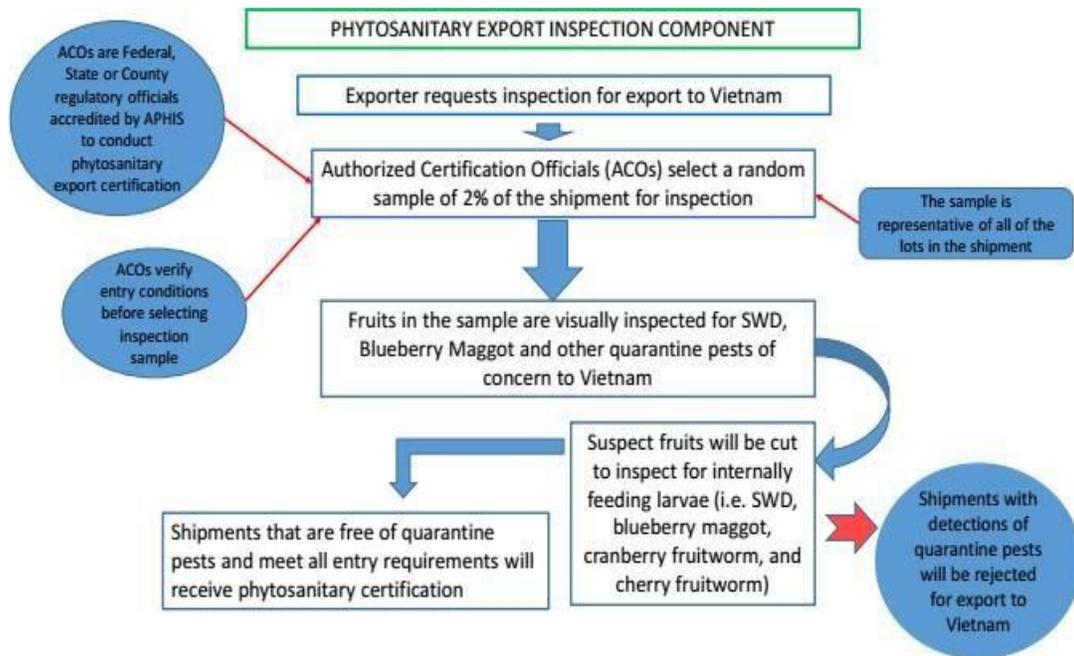
Annex 3: Harvest component



Annex 4: Post-harvest component



Annex 5: Phytosanitary export inspection component



Annex 6: Post-harvest storage and transport component

