



## MEMO

### - REMINDER -

To: U.S. Highbush (Cultivated) Blueberry Growers and Handlers  
From: U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC)  
Date: May 1, 2019  
Re: Blueberries Shipped Out of the Country

Please be advised that U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council (USHBC) assessments are to be collected on all cultivated blueberries shipped by a U.S. blueberry grower to processors outside of the United States.

As detailed in Section 1218.11 of the Blueberry Promotion, Research and Information Order (7 CFR Part 1218) *Market* or *Marketing* means the sale or other disposition of blueberries in any channel of commerce. To *market* means to sell or otherwise dispose of blueberries in interstate, foreign or intrastate commerce.

USHBC assessments are collected on all cultivated blueberries that enter any channel of commerce. In this instance, **when the U.S. grower ships blueberries to a processor outside of the United States, the U.S. grower will be considered a “first handler” and the grower will be required to assume the handler function of collecting and remitting the USHBC assessment to the Council on those blueberries the grower ships out of the country.**

Please find attached the USHBC assessment rebate procedure for the blueberries shipped back and forth across the border and assessed both a domestic and import assessment.

Please contact the USHBC office at 916-983-0111 or email [assessments@blueberry.org](mailto:assessments@blueberry.org) should you have any questions concerning this requirement.



## **USHBC ASSESSMENT REBATE PROCEDURE**

March 1, 2003

### **Product Shipped from Canada (or any other country) to U.S.A. and back to Canada:**

- Canadian shipper provides USHBC with Bill of Lading and U.S. Customs Invoice for the shipment to U.S.
- Canadian shipper provides USHBC with Canadian Customs Invoice showing product shipped back to Canada
- USHBC staff confirms point of entry match, rebate given on amount indicated on Canadian Customs Invoice
- Refunds will only be available on product for a one-year period (up to one year from the date the blueberries initially cross the border into the United States); and a foreign firm must apply for the rebate within 90 days from the date their product re-enters their country.

### **Product Shipped from U.S.A. to Canada (or any other country) and back to U.S.A.:**

- A U.S. grower who exports blueberries automatically becomes a handler and is responsible for submitting domestic assessments to the USHBC.
- U.S. grower pays USHBC assessment on all product he ships to Canada (or other country) and reports shipment on his USHBC assessment report form.
- Canadian shipper requests refund from USHBC for that part of product received from U.S. grower and now shipped from Canada back to U.S. for sale. Shipper provides name and address of U.S. grower, amount shipped back to U.S. for sale, and U.S. Customs Invoice showing amount of product shipped to U.S. and verifying import assessment has been taken on this shipment.
- USHBC staff matches grower assessment report with Canadian refund request and verifies that amount grower indicates as having sold to Canada is in keeping with the refund amount requested.