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Query on bringing in roasted cacao nibs

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This email is in response to your recent inquiry to the Plant Products Permits email as to roasted cacao nibs from the Dominican Republic can be imported into the United States.

If the article is fully dried **or** processed and **cannot** be propagated and is free from plant pest no Permit is required. However, the plant origin material is subject to inspection (Regulated 7 CFR § 319) and the **Final Decision** is that of the inspecting Customs Officer.

Be advised the plant origin material must be declared to Customs. **If you don't declare** your plant origin material or give false information, **you** will most certainly face consequences. According to section 592 of **Customs Law**, a fine will be given as a "spot penalty" for the non-declaration of the material, and the product will be confiscated.

If unable to meet the above statement, **you** (U.S. Importer (Resident) must complete a PPQ 587 form (see our website: <https://efile.aphis.usda.gov/s/>) to apply for an import permit to permit the importation of plant origin material into the United States.

The form can be submitted electronically to the ePermit system (you will be required to be eAuthenticated Level 2 for access) or Faxed or the application can be expressed mail by DHL, UPS or FedEx or mailed via U.S. Postal to APHIS, PPQ, [4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, Maryland 20737](#). The Permit Specialist will review and issue an Import Permit, a Letter of No Jurisdiction/No Permit Required or a Letter of Denial.

The Import Permit will provide the regulations and conditions that should be met. It is suggested that no product be shipped to the importer from the exporter prior to the Import Permit being issued.

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