

MEMO

- REMINDER -

To: U.S. Cultivated Blueberry Growers
From: USHBC
Date: May 5, 2006
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.

The USHBC has adopted an assessment rebate procedure for the blueberries shipped back and forth across the border and assessed both a domestic and import assessment. Documentation required to request a rebate can be found on the USHBC website at www.blueberry.org

Please contact the USHBC office at 916-983-0111 should you have any questions concerning this requirement.