

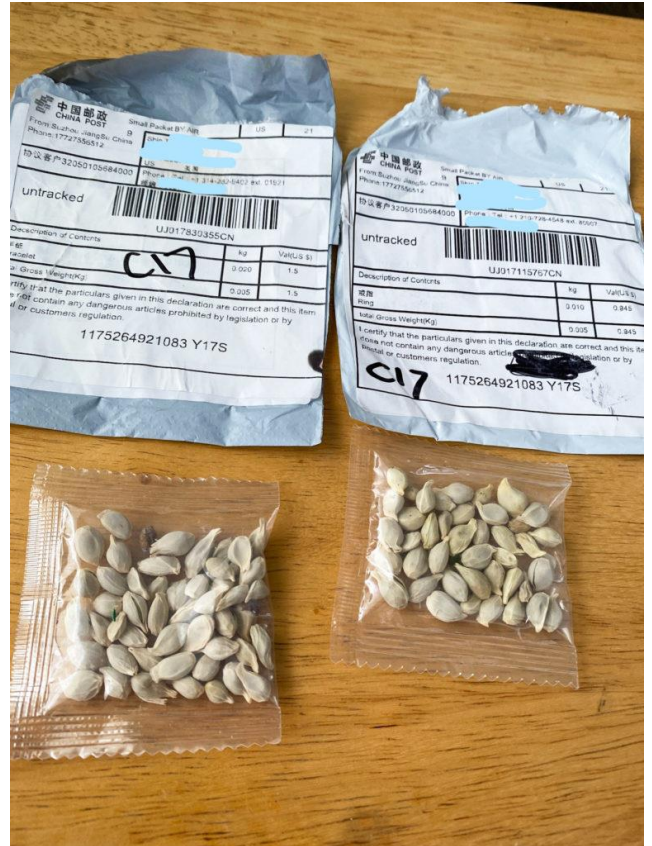
From the USDA (updated info):

There have been nationwide reports of people receiving unorderd seeds from China. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) urges anyone who receives an unsolicited package of seeds to mail those seeds to the location location in your state that is closest to your residence.

Instructions for Mailing Seed Packets:

- Place the unopened seed packet and any packaging, including the mailing label, in a mailing envelope. If the seed packets are open, first place the seeds and their packaging into a zip-lock bag, seal it, and then place everything into a mailing envelope.
- Please include your name, address, and phone number so that a State or Federal agriculture official can contact you for additional information, if needed.
- In some cases, you may also submit your information online. Instructions are provided below if that is an option in your state.

If you are unable to mail the package to one of the locations below, please contact your APHIS State plant health director to arrange a no-contact pick up or to determine a convenient drop-off location.



Choose the closest location:

<p>USDA-APHIS-PPQ Attn: Elias Gonzalez 100 Los Indios Blvd. Los Indios, Texas 78567</p>	<p>USDA-APHIS-PPQ Attn: Gerardo Gonzalez 120 San Francisco, Bridge II Complex Building 5, Room 505 Laredo, Texas 78045</p>	<p>USDA-APHIS-PPQ Houston PIS Attn: Alejandro Gammon, Officer in Charge 19581 Lee Road Humble, TX, 77338</p>
<p>USDA-APHIS-PPQ Dallas Ft Worth Work Unit 75261 Attn: Janet Ussery, Officer in Charge P.O. Box 610063. Dallas, Texas 75261</p>	<p>USDA APHIS PPQ Attn: Harald Grieb 3600 E. Paisano Dr. Room 147-1 El Paso, TX 79905</p>	

Their contact info is below or the website
below: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/sa_sitc/ct_antismuggling

USDA, APHIS, PPQ
Plant Inspection Station
19581 Lee Road
Humble, TX 77338
Phone (281) 982-9540 – Fax (281) 982-9550

From Dr. Kevin Ong, Director – Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (TPDDL), Texas A&M Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology

Howdy all:

Some of you may have heard of reports noting packages containing seeds from China was received that was labeled as jewelry or other items to individuals (who did not order such things) in the US. This morning, I have received information there have been numerous such incidents occurring in Texas.

All incidents should be reported to USDA-APHIS [512-916-5241]. However, their phones are very busy. So, an email is preferred. Emails should be sent to: Carol Motloch, USDA-APHIS-PPQ State Operations Coordinator (carol.m.motloch@usda.gov). The email should include client (your) contact (email and phone number) and a description of package information (a photo of the label and material would help).