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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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This authorization has many implications: (1) opening a new market for U.S. walnut plants with initial sales reaching \$7million in 2016. A benefit to the Chilean growers for the possibility of introducing new genetics to its walnut production faster and finally the possibility to re-export the material to neighbors countries specifically to Peru and Argentina.

On January 28, 2016 the first shipment of 20,400 bare-rooted dormant plants arrived to Chile and was inspected favorably by SAG.

There are on two other centers authorized to export under this special conditions to Chile, one for flowers in Europe and mini-tubers from the State of Michigan.

The next products in the pipe line to evaluate the possibility of zero quarantine are pistachios.

