

True Source Certified Provisional Standard: Honey from Vietnam filtered to less than 25 microns

Effective for Loads Shipped June 30, 2026 through June 29, 2027

Within the True Source Certified Standards, all loads received by True Source Certified Packers/Brand Purchasers must contain sufficient pollen to conduct pollen origin analysis and must not be filtered.

The prohibition against filtration and the requirement for pollen analysis for honey from Vietnam is suspended under this provisional standard in accordance with the motion passed on June 11, 2026 as follows:

“Motion to make a Provisional Standard to allow Vietnam filtered honey in bulk sizes of at least 55-gallon drums and with a color of 51mm Pfund or higher, at intervals of 12 months starting June 30, 2026. Motion passed.”

As described in section 5.3.1.4.2 b:

*All samples collected will be tested by both EA-LC/IRMS and HRMS for authenticity. **They must also pass COO verification from a qualified lab by one of the following tests: NMR, HRMS or pollen analysis.***

NMR and HRMS origin verification can confirm the origin of honey that has been filtered below 25 microns. Loads received by Certified Packers must be sampled and tested as described in section 5.3.1.4.2 by either NMR or HRMS, one of which must confirm the origin of the sample.

Supporting Information

The True Source Board has voted to implement this Provisional Standard based upon the following:

1. The scope of the anti-dumping order clearly excludes filtered honey from duty assessment.
2. Many non-True Source companies have continued to import filtered honey from Vietnam with the clear declaration that the imported honey is “filtered”.
3. There has been no objection to this practice on the part of either the Petitioners or Customs.
4. True Source requires analytical verification of country of origin on every load purchased by a Certified Packer, this verification can be conducted by either pollen analysis, NMR or LC-HRMS. Where pollen is absent, the requirements of the standard can be fulfilled by NMR or LC-HRMS.
5. If the scope of the order were to change such that filtered honey was included in the scope, True Source would immediately revoke this provisional standard and require all loads of filtered honey already in transit to the U.S. to be entered as a type 03.

On April 23, 2021 the Petitioners filed a response to the International Trade Commission (ITC) offering clarification regarding the exclusion of filtered honey from the order:

This scope defines the covered “raw honey,” in part, as honey as it exists after extraction from the hive and that “has not been filtered to a level that results in the removal of most or all of the pollen.” Id. 1 Petitioners herein provide further clarity as to the definition of “honey that has been filtered to a level that results in the removal of most or all of the pollen.” Honey that tests for particulates, including pollen 25 micron or more, remains raw honey for purposes of this investigation. Petitioners hereby clarify their proposed scope to define excluded filtered honey to be based on a 25 micron standard...

On March 7, 2025 the Petitioners filed a Changed Circumstances Review (CCR) regarding honey from Vietnam with the following text included in the CCR (this CCR was later withdrawn):

*If this change circumstances review is completed on an expedited basis, **we request that the following exclusion be added to the scope of the Vietnam order only:** Excluded from the scope is raw honey that has a United States Department of Agriculture color designation of light amber or darker based on a Pfund scale color measurement exceeding 50 millimeters.*