

Gamma for Phytosanitary Processing

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Discussion Topics

- Who is Nordion
- Why choose Gamma?
- Processing issues for Phytosanitary products
- Gamma Designs for Phytosanitary Processing



Nordion is the Premier Global Supplier of Radioisotopes



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Gamma Technologies (GT)

- Global leader in Cobalt-60 ("Co-60") supply
 - Co-60 is the key input for Gamma sterilization
 - Established market leader
- Exclusive long-term Co-60 supply contracts with nuclear reactors at multiple reactor sites
- 40 active customers including contract sterilizers and medical device OEMs, served via multi-year agreements

Medical Isotopes (MI)

- Leading global supplier of critical medical isotopes for research, diagnostic and therapeutic uses
- Manufactures various medical isotopes for the nuclear medicine industry
- Supply relationships with TRIUMF,
 Canada's particle accelerator centre
 as well as research reactor sites
- Customers include pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and radiopharmacies.

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Why Choose Gamma for Phytosanitary Processing?

- Used for over 60 years
- Over 200 large scale irradiators in the world
- Equipment is simple
- Reliability is high, does not fail
- Maintenance of equipment low and cheap
- Good penetration for high density product

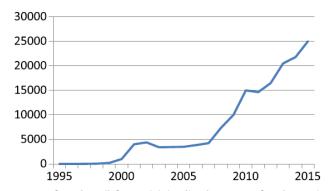


Fig. 1. Tons of produce (left margin) irradiated per year for phytosanitation worldwide since continuous commercial use began in 1995.



*Source: Recent Development of Nuclear Application Technology, Sueo Machi, IAEA, 2012

Phytosanitary Irradiation – Development and Application, Guy Hallman, Paisan Loaharanu, IAEA, 2016



Phytosanitary Processing Issues

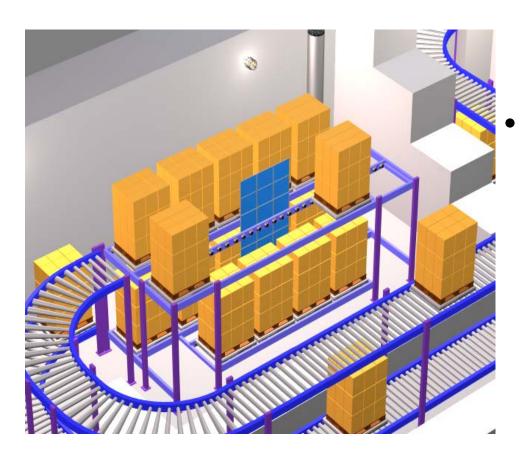
- Product Handling
 - Damage
 - Weight
 - Pest Control
- Dose Delivery

- Cold Chain
 - Temperature Control



Gamma Solution

2 pass, 2 level Parallel Row Pallet Irradiator



Ability to process a large variety of pallet sizes (80 cm W to 122 cm W with varying product height and length)



- Nordion's Parallel Row Pallet Gamma Irradiator
 - Allows less manipulation of product, unloaded directly from truck
 - Pest Controls already in place would not be compromised by extra handling
 - If product is not unloaded off the palettes then less labour will be required
 - Heavy product is moved with lift trucks into the irradiator instead of manually transferring product onto a conveyor
 - DUR 2.3 for a 0.4 g/cc product stack



Gamma Solution - cont'd

Cold Chain

- Temperature controlled shipping from the grow/packing site to the facility
- Controlled cold rooms at the facility to maintain temperature prior to irradiation
- Product insulation by blankets or covers to maintain temperature
- Insulating the carrier system



- Using dry ice to maintain or lower temperature
- Cooling the irradiation chamber



Summary

- Gamma is the solution for phytosanitary processing for these reasons:
 - Simplicity
 - Reliability
 - Adaptability
 - Proven Technology
 - Experience in industry



Thank you Carlo Coppola

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