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Annual Recertification: CQA Agriculture Canine Unit

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency's Agriculture Canine Unit (ACU) is halfway through completing their two-part annual recertification process examining each team's method, training, and proficiency.

Part one of the unit's annual recertification process tested the abilities of four teams operating out of the Antonio B. WonPat International Air Terminal (ABWIAT). Of the four handler/canine teams, all passed with one team scoring a perfect 15 out of 15. In order to pass a 12 out of 15 score must be met.

Part two of the recertification process will test the teams assigned to cargo facilities and is scheduled to take place from June 4 – June 8, 2018.

The annual recertification process is facilitated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Detector Dog Training Center. Two representatives are in Guam to certify.

Officer Eric Lizama, supervisor of the ACU, states, "The increase of agricultural seizures at the airport is a testament to the dedication of each officer and canine team within the unit. Their work ethic and drive continues to prevent various pests and diseases from entering our island and harming our people and resources".

The ACU was named CQA's Unit of the Year for two years in a row.

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