

CPDPD ADVISORY No. 04-2020

To: All County Agricultural Commissioners Date: July 31, 2020
Place: Sacramento
Phone: (916) 654-0317

From: Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Division

Subject: New Permit to Ship Bulk Citrus into an HLB Quarantine Area

Effective July 31, 2020, bulk citrus fruit may be shipped directly to a packinghouse or processor located within a Huanglongbing (HLB) quarantine area without meeting the ACP-free performance standard, provided that the shipment originates from the immediately adjacent, surrounding Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) bulk citrus regional quarantine zone. All shipments of citrus fruit must continue to be fully safeguarded with a tarp or enclosed vehicle while in transit. The ACP-free performance standard may be achieved by using a preharvest treatment, field cleaning machine, or cleaning grates. Under authority granted by [QC 1543](#), citrus growers in ACP Bulk Citrus Regional Quarantine Zone 5 may ship fruit without mitigation into the HLB quarantine area in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Citrus fruit grown and shipped from any other zone must meet the ACP-free performance standard prior to shipment.

QC 1543 creates the foundation for a systematic response to potential new HLB quarantine areas. Should HLB be detected outside the current HLB quarantine area, this permit would be amended accordingly. For example, if HLB is detected in Ventura County, QC 1543 would be amended to allow growers in ACP Bulk Citrus Regional Quarantine Zone 4 to ship citrus fruit without meeting the ACP-free performance standard to any packinghouse or processor located within the Ventura County HLB quarantine area. Citrus fruit grown and shipped from any other zone would need to meet the ACP-free performance standard prior to shipment into the Ventura County HLB quarantine area.

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