



Section 5: Appendix D - Communications

Cooperative _____ Fly Project	CA#: _____
_____ Rd./Ave./Blvd.	
_____, CA _____	
(_____) _____	
Notice To Hold Commodities On Premises	
(Authority: California Food and Agricultural Code, Section 5701-5704)	
Mark Establishment Type:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grower <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Seller <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner <input type="checkbox"/> Distributor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____	
Name: _____	Phone (_____) _____ - _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____	
County: _____	
Zone: _____ XST: _____ Thos. Bros.: _____ G PS: _____	
Location (if different from above): _____	
Description and Number of Items on Hold: _____	

Reason for Issuance: _____	
<p>You are located in a _____ fruit fly quarantine area. You are hereby notified that it is unlawful under Sections 5701-5704 of the California Food and Agricultural Code to move any raw or unprocessed fruits or vegetables, any fruit or vegetable plants (including immature plants), or soil, compost, or other growing media associated with such plants, from your premises, except under written permission of an officer of the Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project, or until this order is revoked in writing.</p>	
<p>No liability shall be attached to the Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project, its employees or cooperators, in the event of injury to regulated articles or property due to commodity treatments or quarantine regulations.</p>	
Name of Person Contacted: _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____/_____/200__
Name of Project Officer: _____	
Signature: _____	Date: _____/_____/200__
<p>Signing will validate this agreement which shall remain in effect until canceled, revoked, or until released by Project officers.</p>	



SCRIPT – FOR GATHERING INFORMATION USING THE HOMEOWNER’S QUESTIONNAIRE

[Introduce yourself] Hello, my name is _____; I’m with the _____ Fruit Fly Project. You may have seen our officers in the area. Recently several _____ fruit flies were found in this area. Each section of our emergency project has a specialty, such as trapping. We are working in the Regulatory Section, which is the quarantine enforcement division of the Project. Our goal is to stop the movement of the fly (larvae) in fresh fruits and vegetables coming from this neighborhood or area.

We need to inform you that moving fresh fruits or vegetables that are a “host” to this invasive fruit fly is not permitted while the quarantine is in effect. **Only host material that has been processed (i.e., canned, juiced, baked, frozen, etc.) is allowed to be moved off your property. No fresh whole fruits or vegetables can be moved, not even to your next-door neighbors.** Once host material moves to your neighbors or relatives, there is no way to keep it from crossing the quarantine’s boundaries. People given these fresh fruits or vegetables could potentially carry them outside the quarantine, or give them away to someone else who could. This defeats the purpose of a quarantine, which is to contain any material that could have invasive fruit fly larvae in it.

If you have a few minutes we would like to ask you several voluntary questions that will help us determine where these invasive fruit flies may have first appeared in this area. It is also very important to determine where possibly infested host material has been moved; this could help prevent additional fruit fly outbreaks and new areas from being put into quarantine. Any related information you can provide will help us in these fruit fly eradication efforts, and is considered confidential.

[Following completion of the questionnaire] Thank you for your cooperation in helping us eradicate this insect pest. During the next week or so you will probably notice many people from the Project working in this neighborhood and the surrounding area. Each of them will be wearing a picture identification badge, which you have the right to inspect. Should you have any additional questions, we encourage you to call the toll-free number on the _____ fruit fly information pamphlet you’ve received. Thank you for agreeing not to move your fresh, whole fruits and vegetables that are hosts to these invasive fruit flies.

*[Any questions that the field officer is unable to answer should be written down along with the resident’s phone number; a Project officer will call the person back with a reply. Under no circumstances should a field officer attempt to “fake” the answer or knowingly give a possibly incorrect response to a question. If the resident is not at home, _____ fruit fly quarantine information can be left at the address (but **do not place** any such materials directly inside the residence mailbox). Additionally, the questionnaire itself is **not** to be left with the respondent. It must be filled out during the interview itself.]*



Fruit Fly Project Homeowner's Questionnaire

Core Area: _____ Officer: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Resident's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Check appropriate answer:

- 1) Do you have any friends/relatives in other invasive fruit fly quarantine areas/districts/counties in this state?
 YES NO. If yes, have you received any fresh fruits/vegetables from them recently? YES NO.

If yes, type of fruits/vegetables received: _____

Please provide the address(es) of friend(s)/relative(s) who gave you fruits/vegetables:

- 2) Have you shared any fresh, homegrown fruit/vegetables with anyone in the past two months?
 YES NO. If yes, types/kinds of fruit/vegetables received or shared: _____

Please provide the names and addresses of produce provider or recipient: _____

- 3) Have you traveled anywhere outside of California in the past 12 months? If so, where? _____

If outside the mainland U.S.A. (i.e., to Hawaii, Mexico, Philippines, another country in the Tropics, etc.), what did you bring back with you (such as souvenirs, fruits or vegetables, etc.)?

- 4) Have you recently purchased any tropical or exotic fruits (for example: citrus, guavas, mangos, sapotes, cherimoyas, etc.) from any source other than a commercial supermarket (for example: swap meet, flea market, yard sale or fruit vendor)? YES NO.

If yes, please provide the names and addresses (or locations): _____

- 5) Do you have any fruit trees or vegetable plants on your property? YES NO.

If yes, what types are they? _____

- 6) Do you use the services of a landscape or yard maintenance company/worker?

YES NO. If yes, company name and address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

- 7) Have you ever observed any worms/larvae/maggots in any of your homegrown fruits or vegetables (i.e., in your apricots, oranges, etc.)? YES NO.

If yes, what types of fruit **and** when did you last see them (i.e., how long ago)?

FOR PROJECT USE: OTHER SECTIONS - TRAPPING, FRUIT CUTTING, ID RESULTS: (CIRCLE APPLICABLE SECTION) _____



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING INVASIVE FRUIT FLY QUARANTINES

- Q. I have some fruits that will not be ripe until spring. Do I still need to treat those trees?**
- A. Depending on the treatment schedule for your fruit, it may be necessary to begin treating now for a spring harvest date.
- Q. I have trees in pots. Can I sell them or do I need to get a permit first?**
- A. During this quarantine, without first treating the fruit and the soil, you cannot sell your trees, regardless of where they are on your property. You will need to obtain a quarantine permit in order to sell them.
- Q. What kind of treatment do I need to treat the soil in pots?**
- A. During the quarantine, drench treatments for nursery stock can be done to allow the plant material to move after completing three successive treatments.
- Q. Do I need to sign any compliance agreement? If yes, then why do I need to sign a hold notice, since most of the things listed on the hold notice are already mentioned on the compliance agreement?**
- A. Compliance Agreements are used to outline elements of a required program, so growers know what is expected of them. Only properties within 200 meters of a fly find are issued a hold notice during the quarantine. Fruit under such a hold notice can only be moved with written permission from the Project.
- Q. What about my neighbors? They have fruit trees but apparently have not yet signed any compliance agreement.**
- A. Participation in this treatment program is mandatory during a declared quarantine.
- Q. What fruits are hosts of invasive fruit flies?**
- A. Many soft-skinned fruits are hosts to these flies. To find out more, call the Project, visit our Web site, or refer to the enclosed host fruit list for invasive fruit flies. Note that some other fruits may also be hosts, even if not named on the list.
- Q. I only have a few fruit trees and do not plan to sell my fruit. Can I give away any fruit to my family, friends, neighbors or charity?**
- A. During a declared quarantine, you may not give away your fresh, homegrown fruit anywhere and to anyone you choose; it must first be processed.
- Q. I have host fruit that I want to sell. What do I need to do?**
- A. Call the Project for details on what steps you must take and the type of permit you need in order to sell your harvested host fruit. If you have host fruit trees still bearing, you can enter a program to treat them, according to guidelines established by USDA and CDFR.
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Q. What if I choose not to treat?

A. If a quarantine has been declared, and you choose not to treat, you may not remove fresh host fruit from your property without Project permission and then only according to regulatory guidelines.

Q. Can I treat my fruit after I pick it?

A. Some fruits can be fumigated following harvest; otherwise host material must be processed before it can move from your property.

Q. What should I do with the fruit on my trees if I choose not to treat?

A. Once a quarantine is declared, untreated fruit that is harvested can only be removed from your property following a Project-monitored commercial treatment, or if it has been processed.

Q. Who will pay for the treatments I decide to apply?

A. All treatments are at the expense of the owner of the fruit.

Q. Who will tell me how I need to treat my fruit?

A. The Invasive Fruit Fly Project staff can advise you on many aspects of treatment, such as what materials to use, the best time of day to treat, what application methods can be used, and how often treatments need to be applied.

Q. What do I need to do before I begin treating my fruit?

A. You should contact the office of your County Agricultural Commissioner to obtain a Pesticide Use Permit, which will allow you to conduct the treatments. You can also apply to the Commissioner for a Site ID Number and a Grower ID Number that you will need in order to purchase the treatment material. You must have these either with you or nearby, when you or somebody you hire conducts the treatments. You will also need to be issued one of the following by your County Agriculture Commissioner: an SLN (Special Local Need) Permit for purchasing and use of malathion, *or* a Section 18 Permit for purchase and use of Spinosad. Next, you need to contact the Invasive Fruit Fly Project to coordinate treatments. Project staff will give you a Treatment Schedule. Both you and Project staff will then sign a Treatment Agreement, and they will ask for some specific information about your property (i.e., how many acres/trees you will be treating, if you will be using a grove service, etc.). Then you need to pick a date to begin treatments and notify the Project staff of this date. You can use the Treatment Schedule and your expected harvest date to make this decision. Invasive Fruit Fly Project staff will keep records of all your treatments and issue you a certificate of completion when you have completed the prescribed number of treatments.

Q. What material do I use to treat?

A. You have two options: You can use malathion, mixed with liquid bait and water, and sprayed directly on the leaves of your trees, or you can treat your fruit using a product called Spinosad. Spinosad is sprayed directly on the leaves of your trees, and is considered an “organic” treatment by some organic product certifiers. An Agricultural Official may be on site during treatments to supervise and answer any questions.



Q. How long does the treatment period last?

A. The length of the treatment period depends on the weather. Quarantine Project staff will advise you on the length of the treatment period, but the range can be between approximately 30 days to 100 days.

Q. How many treatments will I have to apply during that time?

A. You will have to apply one treatment every 7-14 days. If it rains more than ½ inch, you will have to reapply any treatment that was applied in the last 24 hours.

Q. Can I eat my own fruit?

A. Yes, you can eat your own fruit while on your property, whether a quarantine is in place or not.

Q. How will I know if my orchard is in the vicinity of an invasive fruit fly find?

A. You should contact the Invasive Fruit Fly Project or the local office of your County Agricultural Commissioner.

Q. Is there a quarantine fumigation available at this time?

A. At this time, for some host fruits, there are standard fumigation options for treatment against invasive fruit flies.

Q. My fruit is ready to pick right now. I have to pick it soon; otherwise I could lose the whole crop. What should I do?

A. You should harvest your crop as you normally would; but you will need to then choose a treatment or processing option in order to move it from your property.



[SAMPLE BULLETIN TO GROWER ASSOCIATIONS / PACKING HOUSES]

To: All Grower Associations/Packing houses

From: Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Eradication Project

_____ fruit flies (abbreviated as _____) were recently found in traps in the _____ area. The _____ fruit fly is a serious pest that affects the quality of various types of fruits and vegetables. In an attempt to eliminate the danger and expense that this pest could bring to agriculture if it became established, and to prevent the spread to other areas, a quarantine has been enacted in the _____ area.

Enclosed you will find a list of fruits and vegetables that are known to be hosts for the _____ fruit fly and a map of the quarantine area. These commodities will be the focus of the quarantine. Fruits and vegetables that are _____ fruit fly host material have a risk of spreading the _____ fruit fly not only when being grown, but also when being prepared for shipping to the packing houses and processors. Host material left unprotected provides the opportunity for _____-fruit fly infestation.

Host material (see attachments and pamphlets) that was grown inside a quarantine area must go through a treatment program, monitored by a Project officer, before being sent to a packinghouse or processor. Growers meeting these requirements must have a certificate or limited permit, issued by Project personnel, that enables the packinghouses and processors to accept the host material.

The Project is requesting your cooperation in ensuring that all host material that you intend to sell has been treated under a procedure monitored by a regulatory officer and is safeguarded by Project-approved guidelines.

Regulatory officers are in the quarantine area notifying the packinghouses and processors of these requirements. The Project is requesting a list of the packinghouses and processors you have business with both inside and outside the quarantine boundaries, to ensure that none have been overlooked during regulatory information-gathering activities.

If your association members transport _____ fruit fly host material through the quarantine area, no stops are permitted unless the host material is kept safeguarded. This can be accomplished through the use of enclosed vehicles or by completely covering the entire load with a tarp or other barrier. If stops, including breakdowns, are made and safeguarding conditions are not implemented, the load of host material is subject to seizure.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and adherence to these requirements. Please inform all association members of this quarantine and its restrictions. Notify the Regulatory Section of the Project at (_____) _____-_____ if you need additional pamphlets, information, or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Regulatory Section Leader
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[SAMPLE COUNTY LETTER TO NURSERIES]

To: Nurseries in _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine Area

From:
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

_____ FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE

_____ fruit flies (abbreviated _____) were found recently in traps in the City of _____ . The _____ fruit fly is a serious pest that affects the quality of various types of fruits and vegetables. In an attempt to eliminate the danger and expense that this pest could bring to agriculture if it became established and to prevent the spread to other areas, a quarantine has been enacted in the _____ area.

Enclosed you will find a list of fruits and vegetables that are known to be hosts for the _____ fruit fly and a map of the quarantine area. These commodities will be the focus of the quarantine.

Nursery stock with fruit (i.e., fruit fly host material) has a high degree of risk of spreading the _____ fruit fly as it is sold and transported outside the quarantine area. To eliminate the risk and prevent the spread of the _____ fruit fly, quarantine regulations require host material (i.e., fruit) to be stripped off the nursery stock and either destroyed or disposed of properly. Do not strip, destroy or dispose of fruit unless a quarantine officer is able to monitor the process. The _____ Fruit Fly Project will furnish staff to assist in the stripping and destruction of host material fruit.

A member of our staff will be contacting you in the near future to explain the _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine regulations and inspect your nursery. Nurseries selling host material plants will need to sign a Compliance Agreement, which will be provided at the time of the inspection, before they can sell or move such stock. If you have any questions, please call _____ at _____ (_____) _____ - _____.

The _____ County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures and the California Department of Food and Agriculture appreciate your cooperation.

Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

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[SAMPLE LETTER TO RETAIL/WHOLESALE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SELLERS]

To: Retail/Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Sellers

From: _____
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

INVASIVE FRUIT FLY QUARANTINE

A number of ___ fruit flies were found recently in traps in the City of _____. This invasive fruit fly is not known to occur in California and is a serious insect pest that affects the quality of various types of fruits and vegetables. In an attempt to eliminate the danger and expense that this pest could bring to agriculture if it became established and to prevent its spread to other areas, a quarantine has been enacted in the _____ area.

Enclosed you will find a list of fruits and vegetables that are known to be hosts for the ___ fruit fly and a map of the quarantine area. These commodities will be the focus of the quarantine.

Fruits and vegetables, that are ___ fruit fly host material, have a risk of spreading this insect pest when sold and transported outside the quarantine area. Host material left unprotected while on display provides the opportunity for the ___ fruit fly to deposit its eggs in the fruit or vegetable.

To eliminate this risk and prevent the spread of the ___ fruit fly, quarantine regulations require host material (i.e., fruits and vegetables) displayed in the open air to be protected. This can easily be accomplished by bagging, covering with plastic tarps, screens or moving host material indoors.

All ___ fruit fly host items sold need to be bagged (paper, plastic or cloth) at the time of sale.

A member of our staff will be contacting you in the near future to explain the _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine regulations and inspect your facility or store. Retailers and wholesalers selling host material should sign a Compliance Agreement (which will be provided at the time of the inspection). If you have any questions, please contact _____ at _____.

The _____ County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures and the California Department of Food and Agriculture appreciate your cooperation.

Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

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(English Language Handout)

To: Fruit and Vegetable Vendors

From: _____
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

ATTENTION FRUIT and VEGETABLE VENDORS:

A quarantine for the _____ fruit fly has been established in this area under Section _____ of the California Code of Regulations (see attached quarantine map and host list of fruits that can be infested by these invasive fruit flies). If this pest is allowed to spread, irreparable damage will occur to the agricultural industry in this state. Anyone selling host fruit and vegetables in the quarantine area must comply with the following requirements:

- Buy and sell out commercially grown fruits and vegetables (fruit fly host material) grown outside the quarantine area (see map).
- Fruit fly host material must be protected from fruit flies by bagging it in plastic bags or covering it with 16-gauge screening material or plastic sheeting.
- Fruit fly host material that is not used or sold, culls, garbage, etc., must be properly disposed of by putting them in thick plastic bags that are then tied shut and deposited in the garbage for burial at the local landfill.

Anyone selling or packing unprotected, regulated fruits and vegetables in the quarantine area is in violation of state law and the fruit will be immediately confiscated. The violator is subject to a \$500.00 fine and/or 6 months in jail.

(Spanish Language Handout)

ATENCIÓN VENEDORES DE FRUTAS y VEGETALES:

En cumplimiento de la Sección _____ del Código de Reglamentos de California se ha establecido una cuarentena contra la Mosca del _____ de la fruta (vea mapa y lista de frutas hospederas). Si se permite que esta plaga se propague, la industria agrícola sufrirá daños irreparables. Todo vendedor de frutas y vegetales vendiendo en el área de cuarentena tiene que cumplir los siguientes reglamentos:

- Comprar y vender únicamente frutas o vegetales producidos comercialmente fuera de la zona de cuarentena (vea mapa).
- La fruta o vegetal hospedera puede protegerse usando bolsas de plástico, tela metálica (screen) o cubierta con plástico.
- Las frutas o vegetales que se vayan a tirar tiene que ser desechadas dentro de bolsas de plástico grueso, amarrada y puesta en el sistema de recolección de basura para ser enterrados en el basurero local.

Todo persona que venda o empaque frutas y vegetales reglamentada, sin protección, dentro de la zona de cuarentena comete una infracción y puede ser sometida a una multa de \$500.00 y a 6 meses de cárcel. También, se la decomisará la fruta inmediatamente.



[SAMPLE OF LETTER TO CHAIN STORE MANAGEMENT]

To: CHAIN STORE MANAGEMENT

From: _____
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Dear Sir or Madam:

On _____, _____ fruit flies were found in _____ County. In response, a quarantine was declared by the United States Department of Agriculture, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and your county agricultural commissioner (see enclosed quarantine map). Your corporation/company/business has one or more stores within the quarantine area. In order to prevent the spread of this invasive insect pest, we need your cooperation throughout the duration of the quarantine. The quarantine is expected to last through _____.

Enclosed please find a Compliance Agreement for Retail/Wholesale Fruit Sellers, located within a state/federal fruit fly quarantine. Please read, sign and return it to our Regulatory Section as soon as possible. Many of your store or produce managers have already been contacted and have signed compliance agreements for this or other current fly quarantines. Those who have not will be contacted as soon as possible by our regulatory officers. We ask that you sign as well, so that your management teams can develop and implement a standard, comprehensive approach to maintaining compliance at individual stores. With your response please enclose a list of all your stores that are within the quarantine boundaries.

We realize that some of your stores may have unique circumstances that could potentially complicate quarantine regulation compliance requirements. Our field officers will assist you in bringing each store into compliance at minimum expense and with minimal disruption of your business activities. If you have any questions, please call our Regulatory Section.

Thank you,

Regulatory Section Leader

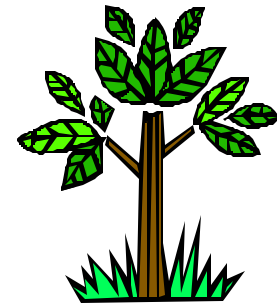
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(English Language Handout)

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**YARD MAINTENANCE WORKERS, GARDENERS
AND LANDSCAPERS**



From: _____
Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

An agricultural quarantine has been declared in certain areas (see attached map) within the County of _____ for _____ fruit flies.

Moving fruit that may contain fruit fly eggs or maggots (larvae) is the most common way for infestations to spread. Project officials want you to know the special quarantine requirements on the movement and disposal of untreated, unprocessed backyard or homegrown fruits and vegetables.

Home-grown fruits and vegetables (see attached list) and soil from the area within the drip line of fruit bearing plants or trees must be disposed of properly. These fruits or vegetables must be placed in plastic bags and left for curbside pickup or transported directly to a commercial landfill. Other methods of disposal are not approved. Foliage and other plant debris may be disposed of as you see fit after all fruits or vegetables have been stripped. Plant debris may not be taken home or given away.

Regulatory officers are in the quarantine area notifying homeowners and businesses of these quarantine requirements. Regulatory officers also enforce the quarantine requirements. These officers can supply additional information about the quarantine and will advise you of compliance alternatives.

Failure to comply with these requirements can result in civil penalties of \$500.00 for a first offense (California Food and Agriculture Code, Section _____).

If you have questions about quarantine requirements, please call the Project Regulatory office at (____) ____-____. Your help is required and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

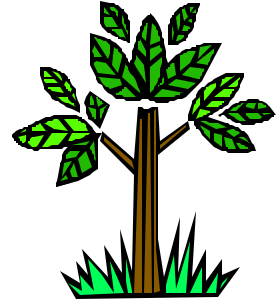
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(Spanish Language Handout)

AVISO OFICIAL

**A: Trabajadores En Mantenimiento De Jardines, Jardineros
y Paisajistas**



De: Proyecto Cooperativo de la Mosca _____ de la Fruta

En lo referente a last Moscas _____ de la Fruta se han declarado cuarentenas agricolas en ciertas zonas (vea el mapa que se adjuntan) dentro del condado de _____.

La forma más común para propagar las infestaciones es mover la fruta que pueda contener huevecillos o gusanos de la mosca de la fruta. Los funcionarios del proyecto desean informarle acerca de los requisitos especiales para la cuarentena en lo referente al movimiento y desecho de frutas y verduras cultivadas en la huerta o en el hogar.

Hay que desechar debidamente las frutas y las verduras cultivadas en el hogar (lista adjunta) y la tierra de la zona dentro de la linea de condensado de árboles frutales. Estas frutas o verduras se deben poner dentro de bolsas de plástico y dejarias al borde del andén para su recolección, o se deben llevar directamenta a un relleno de tierra comercial. No hay otros métodos de desecho aprobados. Las hojas y demás escombros de las plantas se pueden desechar de la forma que a usted le parezca, después de haber removido todas las frutas y verduras. No se deben mezclar los escombros de las plantas con las frutas o verduras. Las frutas y las verduras cultivadas en su casa no se pueden llevar al hogar ni regalar.

Se encuentran en la zona de cuarentena funcionarios reguladores, informando a los dueños de casa y a los comerciantes acerca de estos (requisitos de cuarentena. Los funcionarios reguladores también hacen valer los requisitos de cuarentena. Estos funcionarios le pueden proporcionar información adicional acerca de la cuarentena y le darán alternativas para su cumplimiento.

El hecho de no cumplir con estos requisitos podría resultar en multas civiles de hasta \$500.00 por la primera infracción (Código de California sobre Alimentos y Agricultura, Seccion _____).

Si tiene preguntas acerca de los requisitos de cuarentena, por favor llame a la oficina Reguladora del Proyecto al numero () _____. Agradecemos mucho su ayuda.



Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project

**Regulating Passengers with FFHM during the _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine
at the _____ Airport**

California Code of Regulations _____
& Code of Federal Regulations Part 301

- No home-grown fruit fly host material (FFHM) may leave the quarantine area unless it is in transit through the quarantine area and is accompanied by proof of origin*
- A sales receipt must accompany retail-size purchases of FFHM from a commercial retail outlet or they cannot leave the quarantine area.
- Retail or wholesale cases of FFHM commercially grown and packed, if unopened, may be released for unrestricted movement.
- Passengers may consume fruit inside the quarantine area before passing by amnesty bins while waiting for their flights. However, regulatory officers should not recommend or encourage this since it makes control of host material more difficult and time consuming.
- Passengers may not possess FFHM, which is in violation of quarantine laws on the gate side of the amnesty bins; only fruit purchased at gate shops is permitted in this area.
- FFHM may, at the request of the departing passenger, and the discretion of the regulatory officer, be given to persons accompanying the departing passenger(s), for immediate removal from airport property.

*If a passenger is flying from outside the quarantine area with FFHM and in transit through the airport, planning to connect to another flight, she or he must have proof of origin, such as airline tickets, for host material to be released for the next leg of the trip.

**Airport Procedural Guidelines To The _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine
(CCR. 340, 7 CFR, PART 301)**

- FFHM items, which are seized, may not proceed beyond the security checkpoint.
 - A regulatory officer will collect seized fruit for disposal.
 - Security personnel will be asked to refer incidental finds of FFHM to regulatory officers.
 - Passengers may be allowed to consume FFHM at the approach to the security checkpoint, but not beyond.
 - Approved or commercial FFHM may proceed to Hawaii only at baggage check-in. Hand-carried FFHM at the security checkpoints is to be seized.
 - All suspect baggage and boxes are subject to inspection.
 - Passengers in transit must have airline tickets or reservations listing flight origin and destination.
 - Seizures should be double-bagged and tied with quarantine tape, and brought to a site for safeguarding until disposal.
 - Fruit purchased at gateway shops must be accompanied by a receipt, or is subject to seizure.
- All questions pertaining to FFHM are to be answered by a project regulatory officer, not an airline or security employee.



Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project Quarantine:

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Regulatory Situations At The _____ Airport

Q: You are presented with two bulk bags of host material, one unlabeled and the other marked with the name of a commercial grower or marketer. The passenger does not have a receipt as proof of purchase from a commercial retail establishment. What action do you take?

A: The commodity must not leave the quarantine area. The passenger must either return the fruit to a companion who is not departing on a flight, or abandon the fruit to the project. Without a receipt, the fruit may have been obtained from a home source or in the case of the commercial product, may have been purchased from a street vendor and not properly safeguarded to prevent exposure to pests.

Q: What action do you take when the passenger provides a receipt for host material from a commercial retail establishment as proof of purchase?

A: Since these establishments are under project compliance and was safeguarded, the fruit may remain in the passenger's possession.

Q: If the passenger has unopened, commercially packaged cases of FFHM, can you release it?

A: Yes. Commercially grown material is treated to prevent infestation, and most packers are located outside of the quarantine area. If the case is unopened or unpacked, re-infestation will not have occurred.

Q: The passenger, when told that he cannot bring his fruit on his departing flight, asks if he or she can eat it.

A: Since there is no law against possessing FFHM inside the quarantine area, you may agree to this. However, monitor the situation to assure that all fruit is consumed, placed in amnesty bins, or given to a project officer, by revisiting the passenger at the departure gate to see if they have complied.

Q: With the exception of fruit purchased at gate restaurants, what is the consequence of transporting the beyond the amnesty bins at the departure gate?

A: It is a violation to possess host material in a quarantine situation in the area adjacent to the departure gates and beyond the amnesty bins. At this point, the passenger must comply with quarantine law and surrender the host material to the regulatory officer.

Q: A Passenger asks if he may donate the FFHM not qualifying for transport, to the person who accompanied him to the airport - is this acceptable?

A: If the project officer is confident that the material will remain in the quarantine area after placement in the vehicle, permission may be granted.

Q: Can host material, having arrived from a flight from outside the quarantine area, transit to a connecting flight, if passenger has proof of origin, such as a train ticket?

A: Yes. Host material was purchased from outside the quarantine area and there is no risk of pest infestation in the terminal.



Attention: Departing Passengers



Do you know...

You are traveling through an area under quarantine for the _____ fruit fly. This fruit fly is a destructive pest, attacking several economically important hosts. A method by which this pest can be spread is by human transportation of homegrown produce to other areas.

Fresh fruit and vegetables may contain eggs and larvae (maggots) of this pest. Fruit flies deposit their eggs underneath the skin of the fruit and several females may attack a single fruit, resulting in the development of up to 100 maggots.

Your cooperation is needed to help prevent further spread of this pest. You can help by not transporting fresh fruit or vegetables outside the quarantine area. If you are now carrying produce in your personal baggage or luggage, we ask that you dispose of it by placing it in the amnesty bins near security checkpoints in each terminal. We also have roving inspectors monitoring each terminal for compliance.

If you have fruits and vegetables at home that you want to share with friends or relatives, we ask only that you process it first. Can it, freeze it, juice it, bake with it, or dehydrate it. By moving raw, uncooked fruit, you may be at risk for transporting fruit flies. If you have excess fruit at home and no one to whom to give it, please secure it in a sturdy plastic bag for garbage pickup and disposal.

This invasive fruit fly does not normally occur in California. It may be carried in by commerce or through the mails from other parts of the world where this pest is established. If this fruit fly becomes established in California home gardens or in commercial orchards, the following results could occur:

- maggot-infested fruit
- higher produce costs to the consumer
- increased use of pesticides
- quarantines on most California-grown produce
- foreign trade embargos
- interruption in the food supply for fruit and vegetables

We enjoy the finest quality of produce available in the world. Please do not spoil it by allowing invasive fruit flies to infest our State.

Thank You For Your Cooperation!

Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project



Attention Agents Accepting Baggage

Do You Know...

_____ Airport is located in an area in which a federal and state quarantine has been established for the _____ fruit fly, a serious invasive pest of numerous fruits and vegetables. The primary way this pest if spread is through movement of infested fruits and vegetables.

By law, no _____ host fruits and vegetables may be moved or transported out of the quarantine area. This includes all homegrown fruits and vegetables. In addition, commercially grown host fruits and vegetables obtained from retail establishments may not be transported out of the quarantine area unless accompanied by a sales slip showing that purchase was made from a commercial retail establishment, or if the produce is commercially packed in the original and unopened container.

You Can Help...

We need your help in halting the spread of this serious pest. Air transport is a very efficient method of travel, but unfortunately it also presents a very real hazard of spreading this pest to other parts of the country via an innocent-looking piece of infested fruit.

We are seeking your help by asking that no _____ Fruit Fly Host Fruits or Vegetables be accepted in Carry-On Passenger Baggage or Checked Luggage unless accompanied by a Sales Slip or still packed in the original, unopened Container.

Any host material that has been repacked or is carried loose in plastic bags, paper sacks, etc. through the quarantine area must be rejected and should be deposited in amnesty bins available in the terminals, or in other receptacles intended for this purpose. All host material placed in the garbage receptacles is quarantined material and is prohibited from being removed for personal use or consumption.

We have placed signs in the terminal informing persons passing through security checkpoints of the quarantine restrictions. Marked containers (amnesty) bins have been placed at these departure areas for depositing quarantined materials. Project regulatory staff monitors each terminal for compliance, querying passengers and looking for prohibited items.

If you need assistance or would like more details, please contact the Project at:



Attention: Departure Crew Personnel

Do You Know...

_____ International airport is located in an area in which a federal and state quarantine has been established for the _____ fruit fly, a serious invasive pest of numerous fruits and vegetables.

One of the major ways in, which this pest is spread, is through the movement of infested backyard fruit and vegetables.

The quarantine specifically prohibits the movement of homegrown backyard fruit from the quarantine area, Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations, part 301 and the California Code of Regulations, Section _____. We ask that no fruit or vegetables be accepted in carry-on or checked baggage.

We will have regulatory officers monitoring terminals for compliance. Signs will be posted near departure security checkpoints notifying the public of the quarantine restrictions and containers will be placed near these points for disposal of quarantine fruits and vegetables.

Please help us- we are seeking your cooperation in halting the spread of this serious pest to other parts of California and the U.S. All it takes is one piece of infested fruit to begin a new infestation.

For further information please contact the project at the following numbers:

TEMPORARY



State of California
Department of Food and Agriculture
St./Ave./Blvd.
CA,
Phone: () - Fax: () -

Notice of Violation: _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine Regulations

Compliance Agreement No.: _____ Date: / /200
Violation Number: _____ Time: : AM / PM
Establishment Name: _____ Phone: () -
Street Address: _____ City: _____ County:
State: _____ Zip: _____

You are hereby notified that the following described act, vehicle, article or thing fails to conform to the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, the California Food and Agricultural Code, and/or Title 3 of the California Administrative Code.

Section(s) Violated: 7 CFR 301. (Code of Federal Regulations)
Section 5306(a) (California Food and Agricultural Code)
CCR (California Code of Regulations)
Seizure Authority: Commodity seized as per Food and Agricultural Section 6461.5

Description and Nature of Violations: _____

It is unlawful to move or dispose of any article or thing, or to operate any equipment or vehicle in violation of the above listed section(s), without written permission from an authorized enforcing officer.

I agree to "safeguard all _____ fruit fly host material while within the _____ fruit fly quarantine area."

Name of Person Notified: _____ Phone: () -
Signature of Person Notified: _____ Date: / /
Signature of Project Officer: _____ Date: / /

Disposition of _____ Fruit Fly Host Material:

Hold Notice Issued ? (circle): Yes No
Original: Project Copy: Establishment



Sample Letter of Non-selection of a Candidate for a Project Job Position

Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project _____
_____ COUNTY - CDFA – USDA

Month/Day/Year

Ms. Sarah Titus Kappa-Tata
5600 Rickenbacker Road, Apt. 7
Bell, California 90201

Dear Sarah:

Thank you for taking the time to interview for Agricultural Aide position(s) in the Regulatory Section of the Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project.

I am sorry we will not be able to offer you a position. The individual(s) selected more closely matched our needs at this time.

You were one of many qualified applicants we interviewed, making it a difficult choice for us. This decision should in no way be considered a reflection on your abilities.

Your application will be kept on file for one year, during which time it may be considered for future opening at the Project.

I wish you luck in your job search.

Sincerely,

Mel A. Thion
Supervising Officer
Regulatory Section

Cc: File copy



Sample Press Release:
Notice to the Public in the _____ Area

As of mm/dd/yy, # _____ fruit flies (*use acronym here*) have been trapped in the _____ area of _____ County. Finding that number of flies in one area requires federal, state and county departments of agriculture to take quarantine action. The quarantine area will extend for four and one half miles in all directions from the general fly find site and its borders will involve the _____ Freeway in the north, _____ Avenue in the east, _____ Blvd. in the south, and _____ Street in the west. The total quarantine area is approximately _____ square miles. The host fruit list includes such crops as _____, _____, _____, etc., and other fruits.

Homeowners living inside the quarantine area who have backyard fruit trees or vegetables are urged not to give away any of their fresh, homegrown produce, carry it off their property or ship it through the mails. Travelers flying out of the _____ Airport will be screened to ensure they are not carrying fresh fruits or vegetables in their luggage. California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) dog teams will be working at the airport terminals sniffing passenger carry-on bags and luggage for prohibited fruits, vegetables or plants.

The _____ host fruit list includes more than XX crops, such as XX, XX and XX. Fruits or vegetables which are a food source (host material) for XXX fly maggots, must be processed after harvest, before the produce can leave your property. In addition, any host fruit plants homeowners are growing in the Ontario-Chino quarantine area may not be moved from your property, as the soil in the pots may contain one or more life stages of XX fruit flies.

A quarantine is being established at this time and fresh, unprocessed host material may not move from your property

Fresh fruits and vegetables that are backyard or homegrown may not move from any homeowner's property in the quarantine area, unless these items have been processed (i.e., baked, frozen, canned, pickled, chopped, sliced, completely dried or dehydrated, ground up, or liquefied, etc.).

Check first with XX Fruit Fly Project staff to determine if a particular method of fruit or vegetables processing satisfies the quarantine restrictions.

If no more flies are found after a period of time based on three life cycles of the XX fruit fly, the Project staff will officially notify you that these restrictions have ended.

Project staff is being assigned at this time. Growers may call the toll-free number, 1-866-777-PEST, if they have any questions. A local phone number will be available shortly.

Office location:

Mailing address:

--- List Office and Mailing Address specifics ---



Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Project
_____ County/CDFa/USDA

____/____/200__

End of Quarantine Notice

This letter is to advise you that the Cooperative _____ Fruit Fly Quarantine has ended. Eradication of the _____ fruit fly has been declared and as of 12:00 midnight ____ __, 200__, all quarantine regulations have been lifted and are no longer being enforced.

This letter will serve to cancel all **compliance agreements, hold notices and cooperative agreements** between your establishment and the _____ Cooperative Fruit Fly Project, effective ____/____/200__.

The detection, quarantine and eradication efforts have been a cooperative project between the _____ County Office of the Agricultural Commissioner, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation you have shown our agricultural inspectors, as they worked to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating agricultural pest.

If you have any further questions after ____/____/200__, please contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture office at (____) _____.

First Name Last Name
CDFa/Project Supervisor

First Name Last Name
USDA/Project Supervisor