

2020 Summary of Penalty Assessments

April 2020

While undergoing a quarterly compliance inspection, it was determined that the rendering facility failed to submit their renewal payment for 2020. Furthermore, it was determined that it was the third year in a row that the company failed to renew in a timely manner. While on scene, a CDFA Investigator observed an employee of the facility collecting IKG from an IKG Transporter.

Penalty Assessment of \$800 for violation of FAC 19300 – Operating a rendering facility without a valid license.

Total fine = \$800.00 (Los Angeles County)

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May 2020

In response to an anonymous tip, a CDFA Investigator located an IKG Transporter who was utilizing the signage of another IKG Transport company while collecting oil on his own behalf. The Investigator ultimately determined that the IKG Transporter was licensed and a manifest review was conducted. When the IKG Transporter arrived for the manifest review, an inspection of the transport vehicle was also conducted. The signage on the vehicle was not in compliance with the CCR requirements and the manifests were incomplete.

Penalty Assessment of \$400 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.24(d) – Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifest and \$400 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.20(b) – Inadequate signage on IKG transport vehicle.

Total fine = \$800.00 (Los Angeles County)

In response to an anonymous tip, a CDFA Investigator located an IKG collection container which did not have the appropriate identifying information contained on the label. Ultimately, the Investigator was able to determine which company the container belonged to and they were advised of the non-compliance issue.

Penalty Assessment of \$400 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.22 – Failure to maintain identifying information on IKG collection container.

Total fine = \$400.00 (Los Angeles County)

In response to an anonymous tip, a CDFA Investigator located several IKG collection containers belonging to various other companies at a collection center. During the investigation, the Investigator located the IKG Transporter at a local business removing the IKG collection containers of another company.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19313.5 – In possession of IKG collection containers belonging to another company without their permission and \$400 for violation of 3 CCR 1180.24(d) - Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifest.

Total fine = \$1900.00 (Los Angeles County)

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June 2020

Subject was found to be dumping IKG wastewater at a farm in San Diego County. The suspect stated that the property owner felt it would be suitable for agricultural use and offered to charge less money to dump the wastewater than what would normally be charged at a legitimate location.

Penalty Assessment of \$5,000 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.34 - Failing to test IKG wastewater for microorganisms that are pathogenic to humans or animals as required by CDFA.

Total fine = \$5000.00 (San Diego County)

A business applied for a rendering license and was initially inspected by a CDFA Investigator in March 2020. They were informed that they were not in compliance and that a rendering license would not be issued until all requirements were met. They were advised not to collect any IKG until fully licensed. Several weeks later, during a follow-up visit, a CDFA Investigator observed employees of the unlicensed rendering facility accepting IKG from an IKG transporter.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19300 – Operating a rendering facility without a valid license.

Total fine = \$1500.00 (Orange County)

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July 2020

Subject was previously registered as an IKG Transporter, however, had not registered for 2020. It was determined that he had been collecting IKG during January, February and March 2020, without having a current license issued by the Department. The IKG Transporter was also determined to have a history of late payments, as well as one year where no payment was ever submitted.

Penalty Assessment of \$400 for violation of FAC Section 19310(a) – Operating as an IKG Transporter without a valid license.

Total fine = \$400.00 (Riverside County)

While conducting a quarterly compliance inspection at a rendering facility, a CDFA Investigator observed an IKG Transporter arrive and begin to off-load used cooking oil. The Investigator contacted the driver and asked to inspect his CDFA license and manifest documents. It was determined that the decal affixed to the vehicle was assigned to a truck that had been placed out of service. The driver failed to notify CDFA and did not request an inspection of the replacement vehicle. Additionally, the driver's manifests were incomplete and not in compliance.

Penalty Assessment of \$400 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.24(d) – Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifest and \$400 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.23(c) – Using a CDFA decal on a vehicle that is unregistered.

Total fine = \$800.00 (Los Angeles County)

Acting on a lead, a CDFA Investigator determined that an IKG Transporter was collecting IKG from an account after the business owner cancelled their contract. The Investigator determined that the receipts provided to the business had the CDFA license number and expiration date blacked out. The Investigator was able to locate the IKG Transporter, who ultimately admitted to collecting the IKG, even though their agreement had been cancelled and a new IKG Transporter was hired. Additionally, the IKG Transporter was unlicensed when he inappropriately collected the IKG.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC Section 19310(a) – Operating as an IKG Transporter without a valid license and \$1500 for violation of FAC 19313.5 – In possession of IKG containers belonging to another company without permission.

Total fine = \$3000.00 (Los Angeles County)

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August 2020

Acting on an anonymous tip, a CDFA Investigator observed an IKG container being drained into a metal trash container at a location not registered with the Department. After making contact with the business owner, it was determined they were licensed as an IKG Transporter only. A thorough review of the manifests were conducted, and it was determined that they had been fabricated in order to make it appear that accurate records were being kept. On one manifest, the records documented collections seven minutes apart, but 103 miles from one another. Similarly, on another manifest, records reflected two collections, separated by approximately 20 minutes, but 54 miles from one another. Lastly, the Investigator found an IKG Transport vehicle with a CDFA decal taped to the windshield. It was determined that the decal belonged to a different collection vehicle.

Penalty Assessment of \$1998 for two violations of 3 CCR 1180.24(d) – Creating fabricated IKG transport manifests, \$400 for violation of FAC Section 19300.5 – Operating an unlicensed Collection Center and \$400 for violation of 3 CCR 1180.20(a)(1) – Misuse of a CDFA decal (Using a decal that was registered to a different vehicle).

Total fine - \$2798.00 (Fresno County)

During an inspection of a licensed collection center, it was determined that the facility was actually operating as a rendering plant.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19300 - Operating a rendering facility without a valid license.

Total fine = \$1500.00 (Santa Barbara County)

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October 2020

During an inspection of a licensed IKG transporter, it was determined that the business was operating as a collection center.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19300.5 - Operating a collection center without a valid license.

Total fine = \$1500.00 (Los Angeles County)

A CDFA Investigator received video of an unlawful IKG collection. The investigation led to a suspect, who was identified based on his vehicle and who was located and questioned in reference to the theft. A review of his manifests determined there were over 100 missing manifests during several months, including during the time when the IKG theft occurred.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19313.5 – In possession of IKG belonging to another company without their permission and \$400 for violation of FAC 19313.1 – Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifests.

Total fine = \$1900.00 (Los Angeles County)

As a result of another investigation, it was determined that the collection center was accepting IKG from an unregistered transporter and that the IKG was likely stolen. The collection center failed to maintain the required manifest documents for several months, including during the time when the suspect IKG was collected.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19313.8 – Taking possession of IKG from an unknown/unregistered transporter and \$50 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.24(d) – Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifest

Total fine = \$1550.00 (Orange County)

A licensed IKG transporter was asked to produce manifest records for a specific period of time. Despite multiple requests, the transporter failed to produce the required documents.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19304 – Failure to maintain and/or provide manifest records upon request

Total fine = \$1500.00 (Los Angeles County)

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A licensed collection center and IKG transporter was asked to produce manifest records for a specific period of time. Despite multiple requests, including sample documentation and training that was provided to the licensee over a period of two months, the licensee failed to produce the required documents.

Penalty Assessment of \$1500 for violation of FAC 19304 – Failure to maintain and/or provide manifest records upon request and \$50 for violation of 3 CCR Section 1180.24(d) – Failure to maintain IKG transporter manifest

Total fine = \$1550.00 (San Luis Obispo County)

Acting on an anonymous tip, CDFA Investigators responded to a ranch that was offering animals, eggs and other meat products for sale via social media. Investigators located ground beef and eggs for sale. The ranch was not registered as an egg handler and the ground beef was clearly marked “Not for Sale.”

Penalty Assessment of \$500 for violations FAC 18842 – selling state inspected meat labeled “not for sale” and \$50 for violation of FAC 27633 – Operating without an egg handler registration.

Total fine - \$550.00 (San Bernardino County)

Acting on an anonymous tip, CDFA Investigators responded to a market that that was offering goat and lamb carcasses for sale. Investigators located three goats and four lamb carcasses at the market, all tagged clearly “Not for Sale.”

Penalty Assessment of \$500 for violation of FAC 18842 – selling state inspected meat labeled “not for sale.”

Total fine = \$500.00 (Contra Costa County)

While conducting a quarterly compliance inspection at a collection center, a CDFA Investigator observed an IKG Transport vehicle with no CDFA decal. The vehicle was owned by a licensed IKG transporter and was marked accordingly. The Investigator determined that the vehicle was carrying 131 gallons of IKG, yet the vehicle was not registered with CDFA.

Penalty Assessment of \$400 for violation of 3 CCR 1180.20(a)(1) – Unregistered vehicle being used for collection of IKG

Total fine = \$400.00 (Los Angeles County)

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December 2020

Acting on an anonymous tip, investigators located a licensed dead animal hauler dumping dead cattle at a local dairy and leaving the cattle there overnight before reloading the cattle and transporting it to a rendering facility or landfill.

Penalty Assessment of \$1999 for violation of 3 CCR 1180.13(a) – Dead animals may not be unloaded at a place not authorized to receive such dead animals.

Total fine = \$1999.00 (Stanislaus County)

On two occasions, the employee of an IKG transporter was observed stealing IKG from a container belonging to a competitor. On one of the occasions, the employee was captured on video using bolt cutters to access the IKG storage container.

Penalty Assessment of \$1999 for violation of FAC 19313.5 – Theft of Inedible Kitchen Grease

Total fine = \$1999.00 (Ventura County)
