



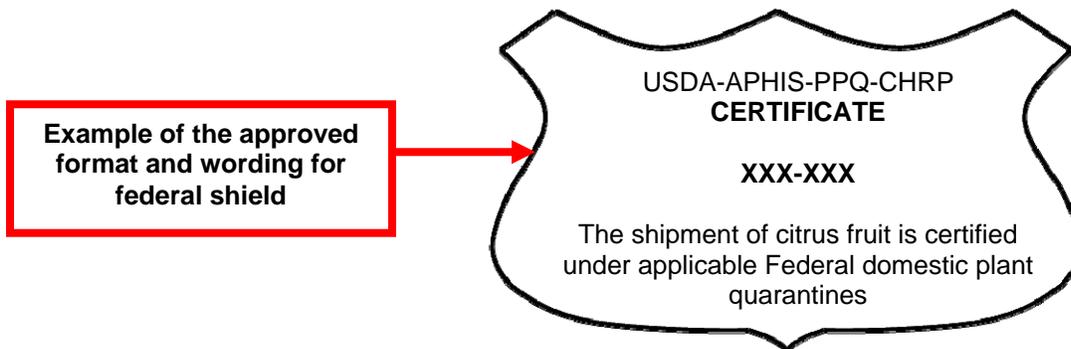
DATE: February 3, 2010  
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners  
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services  
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 03-2010**  
Citrus Fruit from Florida

As a supplement to PEA No. 25-2009, the following information is being issued to specify certification requirements for citrus fruit originating in Florida.

Effective October 22, 2009, 7 CFR 301.75, the federal domestic quarantine for citrus canker, was revised to allow shipments of citrus fruit into citrus-producing states including California. Additionally, CDFA has re-issued QC Permit 222 to allow non-fumigated Florida origin citrus fruit to meet the requirements of our Caribbean Fruit Fly Exterior Quarantine (CCR 3252) and Citrus Pest Exterior Quarantine (CCR 3250). These changes will allow Florida to begin shipping citrus to California. Florida citrus will be allowed entry if pest free and properly certified under the following guidelines:

**I. COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS - NON-FUMIGATED (entering under QC 222)**

1. All commercial shipments of Florida citrus must be accompanied by a **phytosanitary certificate or USDA Fruit and Vegetable Citrus certificate** with the following information:
  - a. A statement indicating the shipment "Meets the requirements of California Master Permit No. QC 222." **AND**
  - b. A federal shield stamp indicating the citrus fruit is certified for applicable federal quarantines. **AND**
  - c. The designated area number(s), number of containers of fruit from each area, name of the shipper, and shipper's assigned identification number (registration number). **AND**
  - d. Certificates are required to be signed unless the shipment is validated using Positive Lot Identification (PLI); then no signature is required. **AND**
  - e. Each carton in the shipment shall be labeled with the following stamped statement: "Designated area number \_\_\_\_." **AND**
  - f. Each shipper must appear on the approved shippers list on the extranet (see section IV below).



**II. COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS - FUMIGATED**

1. Must be accompanied by a **phytosanitary certificate** issued by the state of Florida indicating shipper, receiver, number of cartons, and statement that the shipment meets CCR 3252 (or Caribbean Fruit Fly) and CCR 3250 (Citrus Pests), and lists the proper fumigation schedule to meet CCR 3252 **AND**



2. Bills of lading or other shipping documents must be marked with **federal shield** stamp indicating the citrus fruit is certified for applicable federal quarantines (shown above).

### III. GIFT PACKS

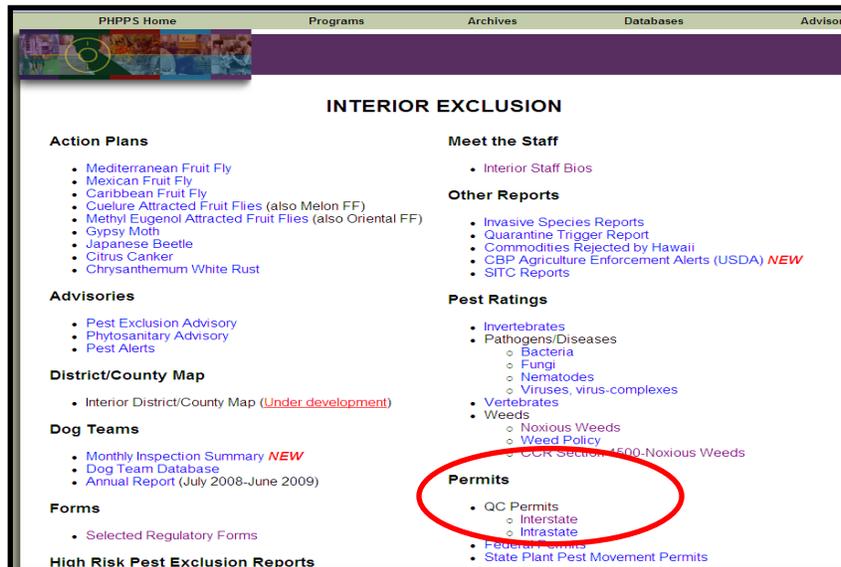
1. Gift packs containing Florida origin citrus must be accompanied (on the box or the accompanying paperwork) by a Federal Shield (shown above) indicating the citrus fruit is certified for applicable federal quarantines.
2. Additionally, if the shipment is entering under QC 222, each carton must be marked indicating the fruit "Meets the requirements of California Master Permit No. QC 222" and that it must be held for inspection (no area designation markings are required on boxes). See example of approved certificate below.
3. Each shipper must appear on the approved shippers list on the extranet (see section IV below).

Both statements must be present on gift packs in addition to the federal shield.



### IV. APPROVED SHIPPERS

FDACS has agreed to provide CDFA with up-to-date lists for those companies approved to operate under Master Permit QC No. 222. The most current lists have been posted on Interior's page of the [PHPPS extranet site](#) under Interstate QC Permits.



Additionally, shippers approved to operate under compliance agreement for citrus canker and ship with the federal shield are listed at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/citruscanker/downloads/phouse-compliance-agreements.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/citruscanker/downloads/phouse-compliance-agreements.pdf)

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