



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

DATE: September 26, 2013
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 17-2013**
California Requirements for Parcels Containing Mixed Produce

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) was recently notified that shipments containing mixed produce have been intercepted entering California from New York via parcel shipments without proper certification and required markings. The shipments were in violation of California Food and Agricultural Code (FAC), Section 6421 ([Interstate Markings](#)) and California State Exterior Quarantine CCR 3250 ([Citrus Pests](#)). The packages were rejected and destroyed. More mixed produce shipments may possibly be shipped into California.

CDFA is issuing this advisory to ensure that counties carefully examine the origin statements and certificates on and inside the packages containing plant material as stated in Pest Exclusion Advisory [09-2007](#). If the packages are lacking certification or origin marking, CDFA advises inspectors to reject and destroy or return to shipper under the authority of FAC, Section 6461.5 ([Live Pests](#)).

Packages of plant material originating from any state are admissible into California if they are certified to meet the requirements of all applicable Federal and State Quarantines. As a reminder, all species and varieties of citrus fruit are prohibited entry into California and returning to California due to CCR 3250, unless under a permit.

The shipper of the recently rejected shipments was contacted by CDFA to ensure that future plant material shipments meet California entry requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact Saleem Khan at saleem.khan@cdfa.ca.gov.

If you have any questions regarding pest interceptions listed under the action codes Quarantine - State Exterior (01) or Quarantine - State Interior (02), contact Saleem Khan at saleem.khan@cdfa.ca.gov.

