



DATE: August 31, 2010
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 22-2010**
Texas Citrus and Mixed Gift Fruit Packages

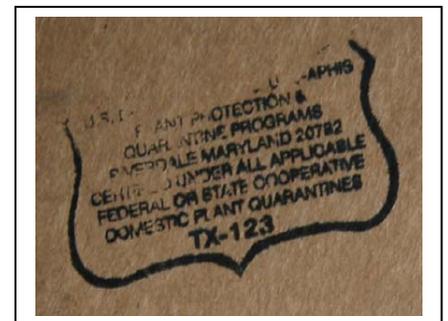
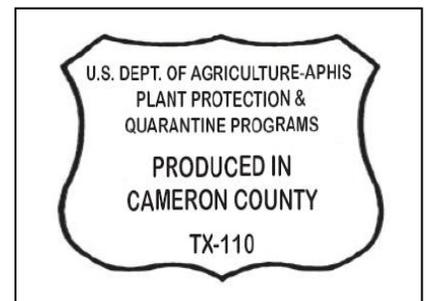
This advisory replaces Pest Exclusion Advisories 35-2008 and 16-2010. This update is necessary because:

1. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has **removed Cameron and Willacy counties in Texas from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.32** for fruit flies and no longer requires citrus produced and packed in Cameron or Willacy counties to be accompanied with a Federal Shield.
2. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has added **additional fruit and origins to their compliance agreement** with Texas approved mixed fruit gift shippers.

Below is an updated summary of how inspectors should expect all gift fruit packages, originating in Texas, to be certified and labeled.

Gift Packages Containing Texas Origin CITRUS originating:

- In **Cameron or Willacy counties** are not regulated. However, all Cameron and Willacy County fruit must maintain its identity with a stamp on the shipping box stating the growing origin. The stamp suffices for the origin marking requirement under Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) 6421.
- In **Hidalgo County**, citrus fruit is still regulated under CFR 301.32 and must have the USDA federal shield stamped on the shipping box. These packages must contain a statement of origin to meet FAC 6421.



Gift Packages Containing Mixed Fruit:

TDA has entered into compliance agreements with gift pack shippers (**list of approved shippers on next page**) to ensure the fruit in each package is certified for all applicable quarantines, all packages will be properly marked and certified, and all original certificates will remain at the packing facility for up to one year and made available to agricultural officials upon request.



MIXED FRUIT gift packages may contain the following approved fruits and origins:

Commodity	Origin
Apple	California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington
Apricot	California
Asian Pear	California
Avocado	California, Texas, Chili
Avocado (Hass)*	Mexico
Cantaloupe	California, Texas, Guatemala, Honduras
Cherry	California
Clementine	California, Australia, Chile, South Africa
Fuji Apple	California
Garlic	California
Grape	California, Chile, Peru, South Africa
Grapefruit	Texas, Chile, South Africa
Honeydew Melon	California, Texas
Kiwi	California, Chile
Lemon	California, Texas, Chile
Lime	California
Lime (sour or Persian)*	Mexico
Mango	Peru
Nectarine	California
Onion	Georgia, Texas
Orange, naval	California, Texas
Orange, sweet	Australia, Chile, South Africa
Peach	California
Pear	California, Oregon, Washington
Pecan, unshelled	Texas
Pluot	California
Pineapple	Mexico
Shallot	California
Tangerine	Arizona
Tomato	California, Florida, Texas, Mexico

Packages containing mixed fruit from Texas are enterable into California if certified with the following label (please note a federal shield will not be on MIXED FRUIT packages):

Example of Approved Label (sticker or stamp) for Mixed Fruit Gift Packages

<p>TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Todd Staples, Commissioner P.O. Box 12847 • Austin, Texas • (512) 463-7476 Internet Address: http://agr.state.tx.us For the hearing impaired: 1-800-735-2988 (voice) Or 1-800-735-2989 (TDD/TT)</p> <p>MIXED GIFT FRUIT</p> <p>Fruit in this basket, box or container meets California Quarantines: 3250, 3266 and 3273, 3414, QC Permit 1000, Federal Order for EGVM and LBAM, and Federal Domestic Quarantine 301.32 Approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)</p> <p>Business Name: _____</p> <p>Physical Address of Business/Farm: _____</p> <p>Compliance Agreement No.: TDA-_____</p>
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Below is a list of approved Texas shippers under compliance agreement with TDA to ship properly marked and certified gift packages. Gift packages from shippers not on the list (new shippers may be added during the shipping season), or without proper certification, should be held and county inspectors should contact CDFA Interior Pest Exclusion Program.

Establishments Approved to Ship MIXED FRUIT Gift Packages from Texas to California

Company	Compliance Agreement #	Expiration	Shipping County	Mailing Address	City	Mail Zip
Bell's Farm to Market	TDA-027	6/30/11	Cameron	116 S Ware Rd.	McAllen	78501
Crest Fruit LP*	TDA-025	6/30/11	Hidalgo	PO Box 3090	Mission	78573
Crockett Farms, Inc.	TDA-030	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 1150	Harlingen	78551
Ferris Valley Groves	TDA-187	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 1150	Harlingen	78551
K-Y Farms	TDA-166	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 1150	Harlingen	78551
Pittman & Davis, Inc.	TDA-028	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 532227	Harlingen	78553
Sugar Tree Farms	TDA-256	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 1151	Harlingen	78552
Thompson Rio Pride	TDA-026	6/30/11	Hidalgo	2823 S Pleasantview Dr.	Weslaco	78596
Zeys of Texas	TDA-165	6/30/11	Cameron	PO Box 1151	Harlingen	78551

***Crest Fruit also does business under the following names and use compliance agreement #TDA-025:**

Red Cooper

Harry's Orchards

Sweet Onion Express

- Additionally, all packages must continue to be marked with the contents (type of plant) and origin (state or country where the plant was grown) as required by FAC, Section 6421.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact Wendi Wilkinson at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail at wwilkinson@cdfa.ca.gov.