

DATE: January 30, 2012
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 04-2012**
Citrus Requirement Summary for Parcels

The shipping season for citrus fruit has begun. CDFA is issuing this advisory to summarize certification requirements for small lots of citrus (non-commercial). This guidance should be used as a reference when encountering ***citrus in parcels***.

Commercial Citrus Requirements

Applicable requirements for shipments of commercial citrus fruit entering California can be found in the following Pest Exclusion Advisories (PEA):

- [PEA 03-2010](#): Florida citrus fruit certification for citrus canker
- [PEA 22-2010](#): Texas citrus fruit certification for fruit flies
- [PEA 02-2011](#): Texas citrus fruit certification for Sweet Orange Scab (SOS)
- [PEA 11-2011](#): Federal Order SOS

Requirements for Parcels Containing Citrus

All citrus fruit shipped via parcel must be properly marked with content (i.e. contains fruit) and origin (state or country where the plant was grown) statements on the outside of the parcel as required by California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) [Section 6421](#).

Additionally, all necessary certification must accompany the parcel. Certification requirements for citrus originating in Arizona, Florida and Texas are summarized below.

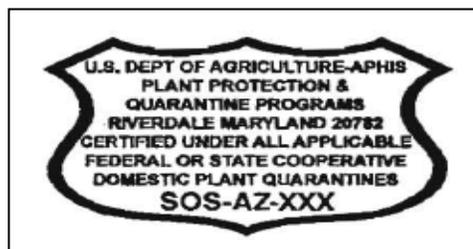
1. ARIZONA ORIGIN CITRUS FRUIT:

The following quarantines apply to citrus fruit found in parcels originating from Arizona:

- **Sweet Orange Scab (SOS)** ([Federal Quarantine Order](#)) (entire state)
- **Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP)** ([7 CFR 301.76](#)) (Portions of Yuma County are under quarantine for ACP)

Certification and Supplementary Requirements for Parcels Containing Citrus from Arizona

- a) A USDA federal shield must be stamped on each shipping box for SOS (example below).
- b) Citrus fruit from ACP quarantine areas must be **free of all** plant parts (other than fruit), including leaves, to be eligible to move unregulated as per 7 CFR 301.76. If plant parts other than fruit are present, it is a violation of 7 CFR 301.76 and the parcel may be rejected.



2. FLORIDA ORIGIN CITRUS FRUIT:

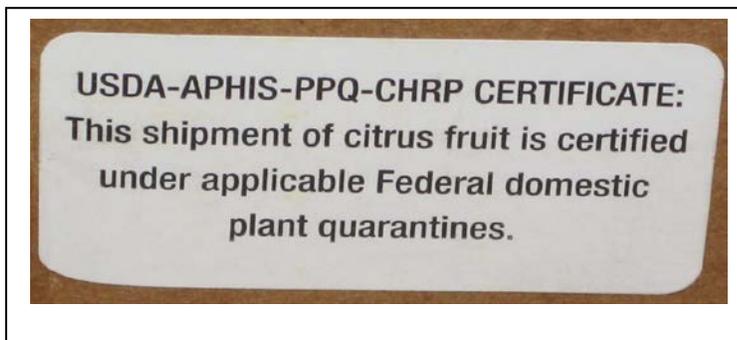
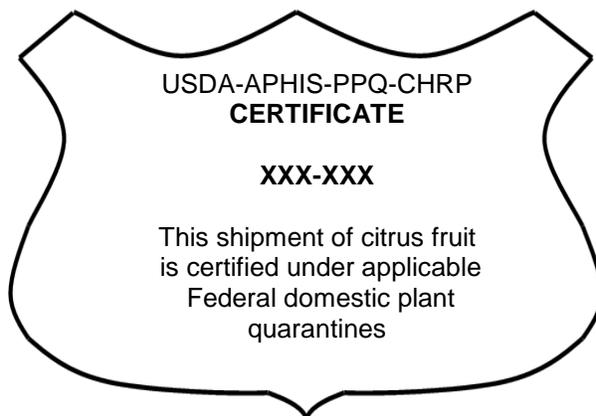
The following quarantines apply to citrus fruit found in parcels originating from Florida:

- **Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid ([7 CFR 301.76](#))** (entire state for both pests)
- **Citrus Canker ([7 CFR 301.75](#))** (entire state)
- **Caribbean Fruit Fly ([CCR 3252](#))** (specific counties only)
- **Sweet Orange Scab ([Federal Quarantine Order](#))** (entire state)
- **Citrus Black Spot (CBS) ([Federal Quarantine Order](#))** (portions of Collier and Hendry counties)
- **Citrus Pests ([CCR 3250](#))** (entire state)

Certification and Supplementary Requirements for Parcels Containing Citrus from Florida Master Permit No. QC 222 has been issued to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to authorize Florida businesses to ship citrus fruit (grapefruits, oranges and tangerines only) to California. Master Permit No. QC 222 covers California state exterior quarantines CCR 3250 and CCR 3252 only.

Gift Pack shipments must meet **all** of the following:

- a) Gift packs containing Florida origin citrus must be accompanied (on the box or the accompanying paperwork) by a Federal Shield or other USDA approved stamp/sticker (examples of USDA approved formats below, right) indicating the citrus fruit is certified for applicable federal quarantines (examples below right).
- b) 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 (example below left).
- c) Each shipper must appear on the Master Permit No. QC 222 [approved shippers list](#) (available on the [PHPPS Extranet](#) site under Quarantine Commodity Permits).



3. TEXAS ORIGIN CITRUS FRUIT:

The following quarantines apply to citrus fruit found in parcels, originating from Texas:

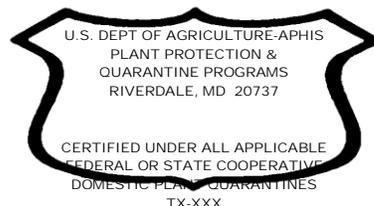
- **Citrus Pests ([CCR 3250](#))** (entire state)
- **Sweet Orange Scab ([Federal Quarantine Order](#))** (entire state)
- **Fruit Flies ([7 CFR 301.32](#))** (Mexican Fruit Fly may be present in various TX counties each year)
- **Citrus Greening and Asian Citrus Psyllid ([7 CFR 301.76](#))** (the entire state is under quarantine for ACP)

Certification and Supplementary Requirements for Parcels Containing Citrus from Texas

- a) QC Master Permit 1328 has been issued to Texas Department of Agriculture to meet CCR 3250 and shall be valid when the Federal Domestic Quarantine for Mexican Fruit Fly (7 CFR 301.32) is not applicable.
- b) Citrus fruit from ACP quarantine areas (entire state of Texas) must be **free of all** plant parts (other than fruit), including leaves, to be eligible to move unregulated as per 7 CFR 301.76. If plant parts other than fruit are present, it is a violation of 7 CFR 301.76 and the parcel may be rejected.

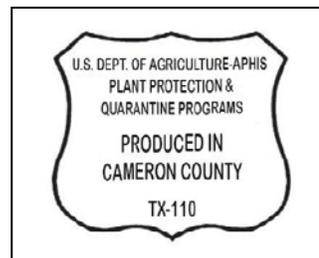
For parcels containing **citrus fruit only**:

1. A USDA federal shield must be stamped on each shipping box (example on right).
2. If the stamp states the origin, this will suffice for the origin marking requirement under Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) 6421 (example right bottom).



Mixed fruit gift packages:

1. All shippers must be under compliance for [Master Permit No. QC 1000](#) and appear on the [list of approved shippers](#).
2. All shipments sent under [Master Permit No. QC 1000](#) must contain [approved commodities](#) only.
3. The following stamp/sticker must be on the outside of each parcel:



<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, and All applicable Federal Quarantine Regulations. 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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If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact any Interior Program Biologist at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail.