

DATE: December 22, 2014

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 45-2014**
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**. Contact Pest Exclusion for questions regarding commercial citrus.

Requirements for Parcels Containing Citrus

All citrus fruit shipped interstate 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](#)) (The entire County of Mohave and portions of La Paz and Yuma counties 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:

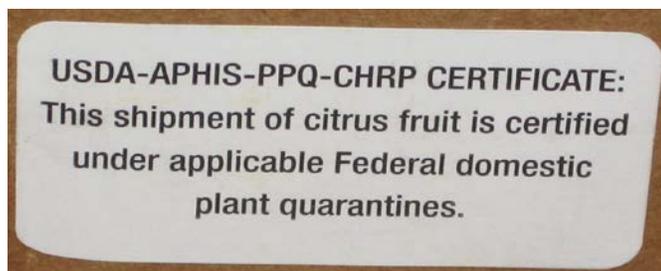
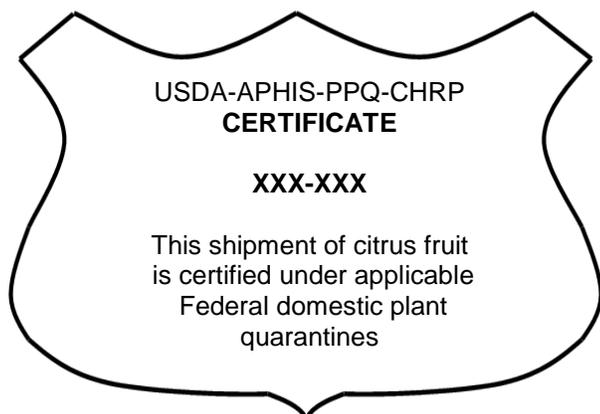
The following quarantines apply to citrus fruit found in parcels originating from Florida:

- **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, Hendry and Polk 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 indicating the citrus fruit is certified for applicable federal quarantines (examples below left).
- 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 right).
- c) Each shipper must appear on the Master Permit No. QC 222 [approved gift-pack 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

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 have a compliance agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture
2. CDFA has received compliance agreements for the following shippers:



Business/Farm	Agreement No.	Exp. Date
Rogers Farms	TDA-025	12/31/15
Crockett Farms, Inc.	TDA-030	12/31/15
Ferris Valley Groves	TDA-187	12/31/15
K-Y Farms	TDA-166	12/31/15
Pittman and Davis	TDA-028	12/31/15
Sugar Tree Farms	TDA-256	12/31/15
Zeys of Texas	TDA-165	12/31/15

3. The following stamp/sticker must be on the outside of each parcel:

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)

MIXED GIFT FRUIT

Fruit in this basket, box or container meets California Quarantines 3250, 3260, 3266 and 3273, and 3414, Federal Orders for EGVM and LBAM, Federal Order for Sweet Orange Scab, Federal Domestic Quarantine 301.32
 Approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)

Business Name: _____

Physical Address of Business/Farm: _____

Compliance Agreement No.: **TDA-**_____

If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact any Interior Program Biologist at (916) 654-0312 or by e-mail.