



DATE: January 22, 2014  
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners  
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services  
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 02-2014**  
County Notification of Significant Interceptions to Pest Exclusion

As outlined in fiscal year 2013/2014 contracts for County High Risk Pest Exclusion and the California Dog Teams, counties are required to immediately notify the Interior Pest Exclusion Program of the presence of any significant pests detected during funded activities.

“County shall notify an Interior Pest Exclusion Environmental Scientist by phone at (916) 654-0312 or email regarding the interception of pests subject to a State Exterior Quarantine or Federal Domestic Quarantine.”

**When is it appropriate to notify CDFA/Interior Pest Exclusion of an interception?**

- Interception is a significant pest **or**
- Material is intercepted without pests but still represents a significant violation of a federal or state quarantine.

Each situation will be unique; subjectivity and discretion will need to be applied. **Examples of appropriate situations to contact CDFA:** a shipment of a commodity that is prohibited into the United States; a shipment that contains a confirmed or suspected state actionable pest such as Japanese beetle or federal actionable pest, such as Asian Citrus Psyllid.

**A. State Exterior Quarantines:**

1. Report interceptions that involve only **State Exterior** quarantine violations and/or pest finds to one of the following headquarter Interior Pest Exclusion Environmental Scientists:

Saleem Khan: [Saleem.Khan@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Saleem.Khan@cdfa.ca.gov)

Erin Lovig: [Erin.Lovig@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Erin.Lovig@cdfa.ca.gov)

Terra Walber: [Terra.Walber@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Terra.Walber@cdfa.ca.gov)

Wendi Wilkinson: [Wendi.Wilkinson@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Wendi.Wilkinson@cdfa.ca.gov)

2. Provide the [A & Q Information Collection Form](#) available on the PHPPS extranet by logging on at <http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/user/frmLogon2.asp>, clicking on <Programs> at the top of the screen, <Interior Exclusion> on the left, then under <Forms> select <A & Q Information Collection Form>, **or** provide the following information:
  - PDR number
  - NOR number (or copy if not entered online)
  - All appropriate paperwork (bill of lading, etc.)
  - Summary of incident: who, what, when, where and context
  - Photos if possible



**B. Federal Quarantines:**

1. Report interceptions that involve **significant federal** quarantine violations, federally actionable pest finds and/or the situation involves foreign origin material to the following contacts:
  - An Interior Pest Exclusion Environmental Scientist listed above (section A1) **and**
  - The appropriate United States Department of Agriculture/Smuggling, Interdiction and Trade Compliance (USDA-SITC) district contact (listed below).



-  John Nelson, SITC Supervisor  
(650) 758-1001  
[John.R.Nelson@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:John.R.Nelson@aphis.usda.gov)
-  Nick Porzio, SITC Supervisor  
(323) 726-4650  
[Nicholas.Porzio@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Porzio@aphis.usda.gov)
-  Giselle R. Childress  
(619) 661-1788  
[Giselle.R.Childress@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Giselle.R.Childress@aphis.usda.gov)

2. Provide USDA/SITC Referral Form (SO-155) available on the PHPPS extranet by logging on at <http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/user/frmLgon2.asp>, clicking on <Programs> at the top of the screen, <Interior Exclusion> on the left, then under <Forms> select <USDA/SITC Referral Form>, **or**: <http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/PE/InteriorExclusion/CPTM/pdf/SO-155USDASITCFORM.pdf>.

By following the guidelines above, our expected outcomes include improved interagency communication, expedited assistance, and support.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact any Interior Pest Exclusion Environmental Scientist at (916) 654-0312 or by email using contacts provided in Section A1.