



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: **PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY NO. 12-2012**  
Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) Host Material Presented for Export Certification

This is a clarification of the requirements for shipping Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) regulated fruits and vegetables to Canada (British Columbia only) and Mexico. Prior to issuing a phytosanitary certificate, accredited certification officials (ACO) must verify that all requirements listed below for LBAM have been met.

### **SHIPMENTS TO CANADA (BC only)**

For shipments of regulated fruits and vegetables from LBAM quarantined areas only (as specified in [D-07-03: Phytosanitary Import Requirements to Prevent the Entry of LBAM, Section 2.2.2.1](#)) to Canada (British Columbia only), all of the following must be implemented:

- The production site must meet the requirements of ISPM No. 10 for a pest-free place of production, including an appropriate buffer zone.<sup>1/</sup>
- The production site must have a documented pest management program specifically directed at *Epiphyas postvittana*.<sup>2/</sup>
- The pest management program must be reviewed and accepted by the United States Department of Agriculture/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS).
- Pest scouting at the production site must be completed a minimum of once per week.<sup>2/</sup>
- A pre-shipment phytosanitary inspection must be carried out by the USDA/APHIS prior to certification.<sup>3/</sup>

<sup>1/</sup> As per the USDA/APHIS, this requirement will be met if trapping at production sites occurs, or if trapping occurs in an area at a density of one per square mile. Detections of LBAM in a trap covering host fruits and vegetables removes acreage within 1.5 miles of the detection site for export to British Columbia.

<sup>2/</sup> Both the pest management program and pest scouting activities must be conducted by growers or Pest Control Advisors or persons with equivalent pest expertise.

<sup>3/</sup> The USDA/APHIS guidelines indicate that the minimum inspection level for commodities that are **not** high risk is 2% of the shipment's inspectional unit (i.e., boxes, units, bags, tray packs, etc.). Inspectors may use the hyper geometric table for inspecting large consignments. Determine the number of units by using the hyper geometric table illustrated in [Table 3-4-3](#) on [page-3-4-5](#) of the [Export Program Manual](#)

## **SHIPMENTS TO MEXICO**

For shipments of regulated fruits and vegetables originating or packed in LBAM regulated counties (as specified in Mexico's PExD listing of regulated counties<sup>4/</sup>), all of the following must be implemented:

- Must have an *E. postvittana* monitoring system showing negative results.<sup>5/</sup>
- Must have an integrated pest management (IPM) program, which includes *E. postvittana*.
- Products must be sent in closed containers that have been sealed at origin.
- The County and State must be indicated in the place of origin box on the phytosanitary certificate.
- Must be free of leaves, plant debris, and soil.

<sup>4/</sup> If you have questions about presence or absence of your county on Mexico or Canada's lists, please contact your local [USDA Export Certification Specialist](#).

<sup>5/</sup> As per the USDA/APHIS, this requirement will be met if trapping at production sites occurs. Trapping density must be at a minimum of one per square mile. Detections of LBAM in a trap covering host fruits and vegetables removes acreage within 1.5 miles of the detection site for export to Mexico.

In addition to the restrictions outlined above for exporting LBAM host fruits and vegetables to Mexico and Canada, ACOs are responsible for ensuring all other applicable shipping requirements, general or otherwise, are met prior to shipment.

If there are any other questions regarding this advisory, please contact James Lawrence at [james.lawrence@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:james.lawrence@cdfa.ca.gov) or Amber Morris at [amber.morris@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:amber.morris@cdfa.ca.gov).