



DATE: May 28, 2013

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

SUBJECT: **PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY NO. 14-2013**

Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) Host Material Presented for Export Certification to Mexico

This is an update to [Phytosanitary Advisory \(PSA\) No. 12-2012](#) and [PSA No. 2013](#) clarifying export requirements of LBAM regulated host material to Mexico. Prior to issuing a phytosanitary certificate, accredited certification officials (ACO) must verify that all requirements listed below for LBAM have been met.

SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS TO MEXICO

Shipments of LBAM regulated host material originating or packed in LBAM regulated counties (as specified in Mexico's PExD listing of regulated counties^{1/}), must meet all of the following:

- Must have an *E. postvittana* monitoring system showing negative results.^{2/}
- 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.

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

^{1/} If you have questions about presence or absence of your county on Mexico's list, please contact your local [USDA Export Certification Specialist](#).

^{2/} **LBAM Host Propagative Material, Cut Flowers and Greenery:**

As per the USDA/APHIS, this requirement will be met for LBAM host propagative material, cut flowers and greenery to Mexico from regulated counties if trapping at production sites occur. Trapping density for LBAM host propagative material is one trap per five acres (minimum of one trap per production site). In addition, there must be negative trapping within a 1.5 mile radius of the production site (note: the 1.5 mile radius requirement does not apply to LBAM host fruits and vegetables).

Detections of LBAM in traps at production site or in the 1.5 mile radius will remove eligibility to export LBAM host propagative material to Mexico from production site until mitigations outlined below occur.

LBAM Host Fruits and Vegetables:

As per the USDA/APHIS, this requirement will be met for LBAM host fruits and vegetables to Mexico from regulated counties if trapping is conducted at the density of one trap per square mile or as an alternative each production site may be trapped.

Detections of LBAM in required traps will remove eligibility to export LBAM fruits and vegetables to Mexico from the property where the trap is placed until mitigations outlined below occur.



MITIGATIONS FOR LBAM DETECTION SITES:

LBAM Host Propagative Material, Cut Flowers and Greenery:

Once it has been determined that a production site of LBAM host propagative, cut flower or greenery host material is ineligible to ship to Mexico based on LBAM positive trapping (either at production site or within 1.5 mile radius), USDA/APHIS may grant permission to resume exports of LBAM host propagative material if all of the following occur:

- Production site is treated in an approved manner for LBAM.
<http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/PE/InteriorExclusion/pdf/LBAMApprovedTreatments.pdf>
- Next trap servicing is negative for LBAM. Trap servicing must occur after treatment.
- Certifying officials verify treatment and negative trapping.

LBAM Host Fruits and Vegetables:

Once it has been determined that a production site of LBAM host fruits and vegetables has had an LBAM positive trap, USDA/APHIS may grant permission to resume exports of LBAM host fruits and vegetables if all of the following occur:

- Production site is treated in an approved manner for LBAM.
<http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/PE/InteriorExclusion/pdf/LBAMApprovedTreatments.pdf>
- Next trap servicing is negative for LBAM. Trap servicing must occur after treatment.
- Certifying officials verify treatment and negative trapping.

Please join CDFA for a conference call to discuss Mexico's shipping requirements:

Date: Friday, May 31, 2013
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Call in: (866) 836-8451
Passcode: 2688106

If there are any other questions regarding this advisory, please contact Terra Walber (terra.walber@cdfa.ca.gov) or Amber Morris at (amber.morris@cdfa.ca.gov).