STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Division
EXHIBIT: SOS – FS
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EXHIBIT: SOS – FS FRUIT SELLER AND TRANSPORTER

PROVISIONS FOR THE INTRASTATE MOVEMENT OF CITRUS FRUIT FROM OR WITHIN A SWEET ORANGE SCAB (SOS) QUARANTINE AREA FOR SALE AT A MAKRET

Establishment agrees to the following:

1. Market

Any farmers market, flea market, swap meet, food bank, roadside produce stand, street food vendor, or distributor shall be referred to in this exhibit as a "market".

2. Cleaned Citrus Fruit

Establishment shall ensure that all citrus fruit is free from stems, leaves, and visible dirt and debris prior to arrival at the market.

3. Symptomatic/Rotten Fruit

Establishment shall inspect all fruit during harvest and packaging. Prior to shipment, the establishment shall dispose of any fruit with visible rot or symptoms of sweet orange scab such as raised and discolored lesions and cracked or warty lesions.

More information about SOS symptoms and threats to citrus can be found at: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/citrus/pests_diseases/sos/PestProfile.html

4. Evidence of Compliance

Establishment shall maintain a copy of their valid compliance agreement and this exhibit present at the market and in any vehicle used to transport citrus fruit. The compliance agreement and exhibit shall be made available to SOS Program officials immediately upon request.

5. Transporting Citrus to a Market

All shipments of citrus fruit shall be safeguarded the entire time while in transit, beginning before the vehicle departs the loading site and until it reaches final destination for offloading. Approved safeguarding measures include the following:

- a. Citrus fruit is transported in a fully enclosed vehicle;
- b. Transporting vehicles which have solid wall construction on sides and rear must have a solid tarpaulin or barrier covering the top. The tarps or barriers shall be in good repair without tears or holes and be securely fastened to the solid walls of the truck, ensuring no gaps are present and in a manner that would prevent exposure to SOS or the loss of fruit and plant debris while in transit;
- c. Transporting vehicles constructed of wire mesh or expanded metal shall be completely covered with a solid tarp or barriers that extend down to the truck bed, ensuring no gaps are present. The tarp or barrier shall be in good repair without tears or holes and be securely fastened to the bed of the truck in a manner that would prevent exposure to SOS or the loss of fruit and plant debris while in transit;
- d. Transporting vehicles which have a flatbed trailer with field pallets or bins shall be entirely covered to the bed of the truck with a solid tarp or barrier. The tarp or screen mesh shall be in good repair without tears or holes and be securely fastened to the bed of the truck, ensuring no gaps are present around the bins, and in a manner that would prevent exposure to SOS or the loss of fruit and plant debris while in transit; or



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e. Any other SOS Program approved manner specified in the "Special Instructions."

6. Green Waste Disposal

Any citrus green waste, including rotting fruit, fruit that has fallen on the ground, and stem and leaf debris, shall be handled and disposed of in a manner approved by the Program to prevent spread of the SOS fungal pathogen.

7. Inspection

The Establishment shall allow SOS Program officials to inspect the growing premises and market location to ensure compliance with this agreement and to survey for SOS.

8. Records

The Establishment shall maintain proof of ownership for any citrus fruit purchased or obtained from a grower or packer for a minimum of three years. The proof of ownership shall have the grower or packer's name and address and shall accompany the fruit to the market. Establishment shall make such documents available to SOS Program officials immediately upon request.

9. Training

Ensure all employees receive training to be compliant with all specifications of the compliance agreement and this exhibit.

10. Violation

Violation of any terms of the compliance agreement or this exhibit shall result in the immediate suspension of the compliance agreement until an investigation is completed and for a minimum period of two weeks.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:		
Printed name (Owner/Manager)	Signature of Establishment	Date

Failure to comply with any stipulation outlined above may result in civil penalties pursuant to California Food and Agricultural Code section 5705 and/or revocation of this agreement.