

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

DIVISION 3. ECONOMICS

CHAPTER 1. FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STANDARDIZATION

SUBCHAPTER 4. FRESH FRUITS, NUTS AND VEGETABLES

ARTICLES 4. CONTAINERS, AND 22. CITRUS

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

SECTIONS AFFECTED

California Code of Regulations Title 3, Division 3, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, Articles 4 and 22 Sections 1380.19(j), 1430.26, and 1430.27.

UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

No modifications were made to the original proposed text described in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

SUMMARY AND RESPONSE TO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDING JUNE 16, 2025

No comments were received during the 45-day public comment period ending on July 27, 2026.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND/OR EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORTS, OR DOCUMENTS

The Department relied upon the following documents in establishing this proposed rulemaking action:

- A petition received March 2, 2026, from Sunkist Growers, Inc.
- Letters of support from shippers and packers of citrus: RJB Produce/Farm Fresh Fundraising; Vivid Produce Inc.; Fresh Select LLC; Sun Fresh Citrus LLC; and Suntreat Packing and Shipping Co.

LOCAL MANDATE DETERMINATION

The proposed regulations do not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE REGULATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REASONS FOR REJECTING THOSE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives to the regulations were identified in addition to those described in the Initial Statement of Reasons. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has determined that no alternative it considered or was otherwise identified and brought to its attention would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

DUPLICATION OF STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

The proposed regulations do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.

AVAILABILITY OF FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon its completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting Sarah Cardoni at Sarah.Cardoni@cdfa.ca.gov.