



DATE: October 23, 2009  
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners  
FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services  
SUBJECT: **PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 25-2009**  
Changes to Interstate Restrictions for Citrus Fruit

Effective immediately, the United States Department of Agriculture/Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) has released a final rule on the movement of fresh fruit from areas under quarantine for citrus canker (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-25328.pdf>).

**Changes to 7 CFR 301.75 for citrus canker include:**

1. Removal of the current prohibition on the movement of fruit from the quarantined area (Florida) to commercial citrus-producing states (including California).
2. Eliminating the requirement that each lot of finished fruit be inspected at the packinghouse and found to be free of visible symptoms of citrus canker.

**The changes to the regulation are based on scientific investigations into the pest risk of artificially spreading citrus canker through the movement of finished fruit. The findings of the studies determined that even symptomatic fruit did not pose a significant pest risk.**

**Actions**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is in the process of updating the Plant Quarantine Manual summaries for both CFR 301.75- Citrus Canker and CCR 3250- Citrus Pests to reflect the recent changes to restrictions for citrus fruit. CDFA will issue a supplemental advisory outlining specific changes to the quarantines when the updating process is complete.

**How is movement of citrus fruit to California Affected?**

Citrus fruit, *previously* prohibited from Florida under 7 CFR 301.75, is now allowable under the following conditions:

1. A federal shield certifying compliance with 7 CFR 301.75 is required to accompany all shipments containing citrus fruit from Florida. The USDA/APHIS has specified that a federal shield certifying for "All Applicable Federal Quarantines" will be used to meet the certification requirements of CFR 301.75 (example shown on page 2).
2. Fruit of citrus species regulated by [CCR 3252-Caribbean Fruit Fly](#) must be accompanied by a certificate indicating that the fruit in the shipment meets the requirements of CCR 3252. A federal shield is not an acceptable form of certification for this quarantine. Federal shields only certify for Federal Domestic Quarantines; CCR 3252 is a State Exterior Quarantine.
3. Any citrus fruit shipped from Florida found with leaves or stems is a violation of 7 CFR 301.75 and the Federal Order for Asian citrus psyllid and should be rejected.



Example of acceptable certification for 7 CFR 301.75:



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