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Sweet Orange Scab Federal Order

California Citrus Industry,

The California Citrus Quality Council (CCQC) is contacting the industry to provide an update on regulations for Sweet Orange Scab (SOS). Effective September 6, 2016, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulated areas in California for *Elsinoe australis*, the fungal causal agent of sweet orange scab. APHIS has released a revised Federal Order DA-2016-55 to add four regulated areas (Winterhaven, Calipatria, Blythe, and Pomona) in California and to modify the conditions for the movement of regulated fruit and host nursery stock from regulated areas.

These areas, which were "regulated areas" in California are now regulated by the Federal Order. The size of the areas themselves have not changed. The only change is that they are now federally regulated. Please review the attached document which provides specific information about how fruit should be handled when moved or received from quarantine areas. Generally, the movement requires compliance agreements and treatment of the fruit, depending on the circumstances. The attachment also includes a link to maps, so you will know the boundaries of the SOS quarantine areas.

Please note that New Zealand and Australia do not recognize the small quarantine areas in California. Instead, they consider the entire county to be the regulated unit. That means exports to New Zealand and Australia may require specific treatments and declarations for SOS depending on the origin of the fruit and where it was packed.

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