

DATE: December 21, 2012

TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners

FROM: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

SUBJECT: PEST EXCLUSION ADVISORY NO. 42-2012

Update to Master Permit QC 1255 for the Movement of Bulk Citrus

As described in Pest Exclusion Advisory NO. 40-2012, CDFA has issued a Master Permit (Master Permit QC 1255) which allows for the movement of bulk citrus from areas quarantined or restricted for Asian citrus psyllid (ACP). Bulk citrus is considered a host or possible carrier of ACP and it is prohibited from moving out of the ACP quarantine or restricted areas except under the terms of this special permit.

This permit has been updated to include an additional option, available only to growers and managers of citrus in the Tulare County ACP restricted areas, and at the discretion of the receiving County Agricultural Commissioner. This additional option involves:

- Application of an approved insecticide to the grove within seven days before harvest:
- Completion of a Treatment Verification Form which must accompany each load to destination; and
- Delivery of each load to an approved receiver, and submission of the Treatment Verification Form to the receiver.

Citrus growers and grove managers' may only participate in this option of the Master Permit if the receiving packer/processor is approved by the receiving County Agricultural Commissioner. Therefore, for all counties that wish to offer this option to their packers/processors, please do the following:

- 1. Review the updated <u>Exhibit C1</u> to understand the stipulations that must be followed by a receiving packer/processor.
- Contact your citrus packers/processors/receivers and determine if they source fruit from the ACP restricted areas in Tulare County (maps available at http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/InteriorExclusion/acp_restrictedareas.html).



- 3. If they source fruit from the ACP restricted areas in Tulare County:
 - Issue the <u>Compliance Agreement for QC 1255</u> and revised <u>Exhibit C1</u>
 - Notify CDFA (email information to <u>Amber.Morris@cdfa.ca.gov</u>) of the issuance of revised Exhibit C1, include the following:
 - Name
 - Address
 - compliance agreement number of the packer/processor/receiver
 - date signed
 - Option selected:
 - Field Cleaned Bulk Citrus; OR
 - Bulk Citrus from Treated Grove; OR
 - Both options
 - Obtain contact information from the packer/processor/receiver regarding the source grower or grove manager and provide this information to CDFA (email information to Anmol.Joshi@cdfa.ca.gov, or call the ACP Project at 1-866-468-2847)

A conference call has been scheduled for all counties on January 3, 2013 to discuss this new option for moving bulk citrus fruit from the restricted areas in Tulare County. Call information is as follows:

Date: January 3, 2013 Time: 10:00 AM Call Number: 1-866-836-8451 Pass Code: 2688106

Additionally, CDFA has made the information available for citrus growers, grove managers, or any other interested party at:

http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/InteriorExclusion/acp_restrictedareas.html

Information contained on this site includes:

- 1. Instructions on how to become a participant in this program and where to send signed documents;
- 2. A compliance agreement and exhibit which must be signed by any grower or grove manager wishing to participate in this option;
- 3. List of Approved Treatments for citrus groves;
- 4. Information regarding two conference calls (also available to counties) to provide guidance to growers and grove managers wishing to participate in this option and to answer questions. The calls for the growers/grove managers are scheduled as follows:

Dates/Times: Thursday December 27, 2012 at 3:00 PM

Friday December 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM

Phone number for this call will be available on CDFA's internet site at: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/PE/InteriorExclusion/acp_restrictedareas.html