

SAMPLE

Company Name or Association Exporting Citrus

Standard Operating Procedure for Sweet Orange Scab (SOS)

Specific to the Countries where California Citrus is exported

(i.e. Australia, New Zealand)

SOP # - Date or Revision date:

Approved by: (facility manager)

The packing house/exporter will follow the procedures for SOS which is APHIS approved and included as an attachment to this SOP. In summary the packing house process for citrus fruit originating in Riverside or Imperial Counties includes:

- a. Fruit is washed, no stems or leaves present.
- b. Fruit is brushed
- c. Procedure for surface disinfestation: thoroughly wetting the fruit for at least 2 minutes in a solution containing 200 parts per million of sodium hypochlorite while maintaining a pH of 6.00 to 7.50. This treatment must be applied in accordance with label directions.
- d. All fruit must be also treated at the time of packing with at least one of the following fungicide treatments; Imazalil, Thiabendazole, combination of Fludioxonil plus Azoxystrobin according to the label directions.
- e. Fruit must be waxed.
- f. Log records for the chemical treatments must show lots treated and trace back to the export order submitted for inspection. Records must be available for the inspector on request.
- g. Map or diagram of the processing facility should show exact location of the treatment tanks, and identify the location for the treatment logs.
- h. Declaration or attestation letter must be presented for each export shipment as per example shown in attachment; this includes an identification number such as order number, phyto number or bill of lading (BOL) number to enable this letter to trace back to the shipment. Packing house person such as supervisor, shipping manager, or designated persons must sign the letter.

The packing house will refer to the APHIS Federal Orders for all export orders to Australia and New Zealand. All required documents must be available if requested at the time of official inspection and the attestation letter would be presented with the documents normally sent with the export orders (phyto, NOI, BOL, order etc.)

- Note Federal Order offers selection for disinfection chemical and for the fungicide treatments once selected this information is included on the treatment logs and on SOP. Copy of labels for the chemicals applied and for fungicide treatments should be on file and available upon request from County or USDA, APHIS, PPQ officials.