

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Expansion of the Quarantine Area for Citrus Black Spot (CBS) (*Guignardia citricarpa*) in Florida

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

APHIS is issuing a revised Federal Order, effective immediately, which expands the quarantine area for the fungal pathogen, *Guignardia citricarpa*, (causal agent of CBS) in Florida. Based on the results of delimiting surveys, the quarantine area will expand by 6 sections in Collier County and 14 sections in Hendry County. These sections are in previously identified quarantined townships. The number of townships with quarantined areas remains at three for Collier County and four for Hendry. The Federal Order and APHIS-Approved Packinghouse Procedures for *Guignardia citricarpa* are attached for your reference.

CBS surveys conducted in 2010 established the initial quarantine areas in Collier County and Hendry County and surveys were conducted until the end of the harvest season. Surveys resumed in 2011 once fruit were present on host trees. Symptoms of CBS are most evident on mature fruit and typically remain latent on leaves with little to no symptom development until after the leaves die. CBS has not been detected outside of Collier and Hendry Counties in targeted CBS surveys as well as multi-pest surveys conducted by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Division of Plant Industry) and USDA's Plant Protection and Quarantine as part of the cooperative Citrus Health Response Program in Florida.

Fresh citrus fruit that is moved interstate from the CBS quarantine areas must be packed in commercial citrus packinghouses operating under compliance agreement with APHIS and the fruit must be processed using APHIS-approved methods. Citrus plant parts other than treated fresh fruit is prohibited from movement.

For additional information regarding the location of or the movement of fresh fruit from CBS quarantine areas in Florida, you may contact Leon Bunce, Eastern Region Program Manager at (919) 855-7360; or Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Program Manager at (301) 734-7228.

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2 Attachments:

--Federal Order

--APHIS Approved Packinghouse Procedures for *Guignardia citricarpa*