

# Stipulations for Movement of Citrus Fruit from EAN Regulated Areas for Citrus Black Spot

## **EAN Regulated Areas:**

TRS 47-29-27 (mb 4)

TRS 47-29-35 (mb 1, mb 5, mb 6, mb 7)

TRS 47-29-34 (mb 1, mb 2, mb 3, mb 4, mb 5, mb 6, mb 7, mb 8, mb 9, mb 10)

TRS 48-29-03 (mb 1, mb 2, mb 3, mb 4, mb 5, mb 6, mb 7, mb 8, mb 11)

TRS 48-29-10 (mb 1, mb 2, mb 3, mb 4, mb 5, mb 6, mb 7, mb 9, mb 11)

TRS 48-29-11 (mb 3, mb 4)

## **Movement EAN Regulated Fruit:**

All vehicles with an open trailer or cargo area transporting Florida citrus that originates in a regulated citrus black spot area are required to transport and cover the load in a manner to preclude the loss of citrus fruit, stems, leaves, and debris while in transit. The following requirements are to be used to determine if vehicles are in compliance:

1. Vehicles with solid wall construction on the sides and rear of the cargo area need only be covered on the open top, providing that openings around any tailgates or hinged door do not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.
2. Vehicles with side and rear wall construction of wire mesh screen or expanded metal greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 1-11/16 inch must have the cargo area covered completely (to the bed of the vehicle). Only the open top of the cargo area is required to be covered when the screen mesh openings are less than or equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 1-11/16 inch in diameter.
3. If mesh size is greater than  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 1-11/16 inch, all reductions in hole size must be done from within the cargo area (e.g., adding steel, fabric or hardware cloth lining).
4. Vehicles transporting pallet boxes, field boxes, etc., must have the cargo area covered in a manner that does not allow any openings greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch exposing the fruit. In most cases, this cover will have to extend to below the top of the bottom row of boxes. However, if the pallet boxes or field boxes are stacked in a solid wall with no openings of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or more on the side or back, only the open tops of the exposed boxes are required to be covered.
5. Covers or tarpaulins may be constructed of any fabric that has a weave of less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. In addition, covers must be in good repair and securely fasten or tied down in a manner that will prevent the loss of fruit, leaves, or plant debris while in transit. Leaves, stems, debris, culled fruit, or other plant material of any host plant may also be transported by the following:
  - a. Place securely in a plastic bags.
  - b. Move in an enclosed or covered vehicle cargo area. The cargo must be enclosed or covered in a manner so as to have no openings greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch exposing the leaves, litter, etc.
  - c. When plant material comes directly in contact with the vehicle, the vehicle must be decontaminated following movement.

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6. Upon departing any citrus grove, all personnel and equipment must be cleaned free of fruit, limbs, leaves, soil and debris prior to chemical decontamination.
7. Identify of each load fruit must be maintained by issuing an individually numbered trip ticket containing the following information:
  - a. Name of Grove, Owner/agent, Harvester
  - b. License tag number.
  - c. Number of boxes contained in load (if not bulk)
  - d. Grove block fruit originated in
  - e. Processing plant or packinghouse to which fruit is destined
  - f. Date of harvest

### **Processors that Receive EAN Regulated Fruit for Citrus Black Spot:**

1. Shipments of fruit originating from an EAN regulated citrus black spot area are subject to regulation, and all activities must be reported to PPQ prior to the fruit dump process and the handling of regulated debris. This includes the assurance of tarped trucks upon arrival and USDA, PPQ supervision of the removal and handling of plant debris and trailer decontamination.

### **Contact information for local PPQ Offices is listed below:**

<b>Citrus Fruit Processor</b>	<b>Plant Protection and Quarantine Office Contact</b>
<b>Louis Dreyfus</b>	<b>Ft. Pierce Office</b> Supervisor - Carl Lightfoot Contact Number - 772-429-2046
<b>Florida's Natural</b>	<b>Haines City Office</b> Supervisor - John Hadman Contact Number - 863-421-4131

2. Shipments emptied at the processing plant trailers, tarps, field boxes, and field bins must be cleaned of all leaves and other plant debris.
3. All leaves and other plant debris cleaned from trailers, tarps, field boxes or field bins must be handled in one of the following methods under PPQ supervision:
  - Heat treated to at least 180 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of at least one hour
  - Incinerated
  - Buried at a landfill to a depth of at least six feet
4. After being emptied at the processing plant and cleaned of plant debris, trailers, field boxes or bins must be disinfected using:
  - a. Quaternary Ammonia at label rates; or
  - b. Sodium Hypochlorite at 200 parts per million with a pH of 6.0 to 7.5