

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS adds portions of Cameron County in Texas to the Domestic Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas* spp.) Quarantine Area

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the area quarantined for citrus canker in Texas to add portions of Cameron County near San Benito and Brownsville to prevent the spread of the disease.

On October 1, 2019, APHIS confirmed the positive identification of citrus canker in two residential trees in San Benito, Texas. On November 27, 2019, APHIS confirmed the positive identification of citrus canker in one residential citrus tree in Brownsville, Texas. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) completed delimiting surveys around the locations and found additional citrus trees positive for citrus canker in the Brownsville area. TDA established an intrastate quarantine area for citrus canker that parallels the federal citrus canker regulatory requirements specified in 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.75.

Under the current citrus canker quarantine regulations, the interstate movement of citrus plants and plant parts, other than commercially packed and disinfected citrus fruit, remains prohibited. Citrus nursery stock that is moved in accordance with regulations contained in 7 CFR 301.75-6 may move from areas quarantined for citrus canker.

The establishment of this quarantine area is reflected on the following designated website, which also contains a description of all the current federal citrus canker quarantine areas:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/citrus-canker>

For additional information regarding the citrus canker program, you may call National Policy Manager, John Bienapfl, at 301-313-9223.

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Attachment: Federal Order

**United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

7 CFR 301.75

§ 301.75-4 Quarantined Areas; Citrus Canker

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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the spread of the plant disease citrus canker caused by *Xanthomonas* spp.¹ This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. The regulatory authority provided by 7 U.S.C. 7754 allows the Secretary to issue orders to carry out this provision of the Plant Protection Act. This Federal Order is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.75 *et. seq.*

This Federal Order supersedes the citrus canker Federal Order DA-2019-25 for Texas issued on September 20, 2019, and revises the areas quarantined for citrus canker in Texas.

Addition of Quarantined Area

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds additional portions of Cameron County in Texas to the citrus canker quarantine area in Texas. This action is in response to detections of citrus canker and subsequent delimiting surveys in this area. APHIS has determined that these areas in Texas meet the criteria in § 301.75-4 (b) of the regulation to be designated as quarantined areas.

To prevent the spread of citrus canker, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to regulate additional portions of Cameron County in Texas. Accordingly and effective immediately, all interstate movement of regulated articles from these areas must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated in the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.75 *et seq.* and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

¹ Citrus canker is caused by *Xanthomonas* spp. *Xanthomonas* spp. refers to (1) *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* (Xac A, A* and AW) with synonyms *X citri* pv. *citri*, or *X citri* subsp. *citri* or *X campestris* pv. *citri* or *X smithii* subsp. *citri* and (2) *X axonopodis* pv. *aurantifolii* (Xac B & C) with a synonym *X fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*.

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Section 7 CFR 301.75-4 (d) allows the designation of less than an entire state as a citrus canker regulated area only when the Administrator of APHIS has determined, as in this case, that the designation of less than an entire state is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of infestations of citrus canker. In addition, 7 CFR 301.75-4 (d) (2) requires that the state enforce an intrastate citrus canker quarantine that is equivalent to the federal citrus canker regulations. The State Plant Regulatory Official for Texas has confirmed the establishment of an intrastate quarantine area for citrus canker that mirrors the federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.75.

7 CFR 301.75-4 (b) provides for the temporary designation of new regulated areas pending publication of a rule to add the new areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.75-4 (a). 7 CFR 301.75-4 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the federal and/or state regulatory personnel responsible for the citrus canker program in the affected state.

For additional information regarding the citrus canker program, you may call National Policy Manager, John Bienapfl, at 301-313-9223.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state regulatory officials and citrus industry in Texas in our efforts to prevent the spread of citrus canker.

Quarantined Boundaries

Florida: The entire state

Louisiana: Portions of the state as follows:

- The entire parishes of Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John

Texas: Portions of the state as follows:

- Houston Area, Harris County
The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at the intersection of Stella Link Road and North Braeswood Boulevard, then westerly along North Braeswood Boulevard to its intersection with Academy Street, then northerly along Academy Street to its intersection with Merrick Street, then easterly along Merrick Street to its intersection with Stella Link Road, then northerly along Stella Link Road to its intersection with Blue Bonnet Boulevard, then easterly along Blue Bonnet Boulevard to its intersection with Sewanee Street, then northerly along Sewanee Street to its intersection with Glen Haven Boulevard, then easterly along Glen Haven Boulevard to its intersection with Buffalo Speedway, then southerly along Buffalo Speedway to its intersection with South

Braeswood Boulevard, then easterly along South Braeswood Boulevard to its intersection with Greenbush Drive, then southerly along Greenbush Drive to its intersection with Buffalo Speedway, then southerly along Buffalo Speedway to its intersection with Durhill Street, then westerly along Durhill Street to its intersection with Latma Drive, then northwesterly along Latma Drive to its intersection with Stella Link Road, then northerly along Stella Link Road to its intersection with Linkwood Drive, then northwesterly along Linkwood Drive to its intersection with South Braeswood Boulevard, then easterly along South Braeswood Boulevard to its intersection with Stella Link Road, then northerly along Stella Link Road to the starting point.

- Richmond Area, Fort Bend and Harris Counties

The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at a point described as N29.7166139524 degrees and W95.6013268808 degrees, then South along Shady Breeze to a point described as N29.7142932806 degrees and W95.6011334915 degrees, then East along West Park Tollway to a point described as N29.7146800592 degrees and W95.5962987587 degrees, then South along Cook to a point described as N29.6763889689 degrees and W95.5959119801 degrees, then East along Bissonette to a point described as N29.6655591655 degrees and W95.5885631843 degrees, then South East along Kirkwood to a point described as N29.6415788853 degrees and W95.5723184784 degrees, then East along Airport to a point described as N29.6440929481 degrees and W95.5388621218 degrees, then South East along SL 8 to a point described as N29.6172118282 degrees and W95.5595547819 degrees, then North West along UA 90 to a point described as N29.629588746 degrees and W95.5922375822 degrees, then South West along IH 69 to a point described as N29.6168250495 degrees and W95.6061616155 degrees, then South East to a point described as N29.611410147 degrees and W95.6030673847 degrees, then South West along Country Club Blvd to a point described as N29.6048349094 degrees and W95.6104161804 degrees, then North West along William Trace to a point described as N29.5974861137 degrees and W95.6222129303 degrees, then West along IH 69 to a point described as N29.6007737338 degrees and W95.6314956191 degrees, then North West along SH 6 to a point described as N29.6090894752 degrees and W95.6438725379 degrees, then South West along University to a point described as N29.5936183274 degrees and W95.6492874387 degrees, then West along New Territory to a point described as N29.5898513129 degrees and W95.6774894667 degrees, then North West along SH 99 to a point described as N29.6573433334 degrees and W95.7154981303 degrees, then North along Harlem to a point described as N29.6619612082 degrees and W95.7151429089 degrees, then East along Madden to a point described as N29.6620781561 degrees and W95.7057571299 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6688467839 degrees and W95.7059505183 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6688467839 degrees and W95.7028562893 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6702005099 degrees and W95.7024695107 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6698137304 degrees and W95.694540547 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6707806779 degrees and W95.694540547 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6713608449 degrees and W95.6800363467 degrees, then

North to a point described as N29.683931153 degrees and W95.6810032933 degrees, then West to a point described as N29.6845113218 degrees and W95.7013091739 degrees, then North along Clondine to a point described as N29.7009494162 degrees and W95.7011157855 degrees, then East along Bellaire to a point described as N29.700756026 degrees and W95.6846776911 degrees, then South along Chickory Woods to a point described as N29.6984353533 degrees and W95.6846776911 degrees, then East along Espinosa to a point described as N29.6982419649 degrees and W95.6792627885 degrees, then South along Caracas to a point described as N29.6955345136 degrees and W95.6790693983 degrees, then East along Sinaloa to a point described as N29.6959212931 degrees and W95.6765553373 degrees, then North East along San Pablo to a point described as N29.6966948504 degrees and W95.6755883907 degrees, then East along Alametos to a point described as N29.697081629 degrees and W95.6653387553 degrees, then North East along Addicks Clondine to a point described as N29.7100387148 degrees and W95.6603106322 degrees, then East along West Park Tollway to a point described as N29.7104254934 degrees and W95.653348616 degrees, then North along Cedar Gardens to a point described as N29.7140998913 degrees and W95.6529618365 degrees, then East along Bend to a point described as N29.7144866699 degrees and W95.6444527058 degrees, then South East along West Park Tollway to a point described as N29.7135197234 degrees and W95.6158310829 degrees, then North Synott to a point described as N29.717000731 degrees and W95.6154443043 degrees, then East along Brant Rock Dr. to the starting point.

- Pearlland Area, Brazoria and Harris Counties

The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at a point described as the intersection of Almeda Genoa Road and Monroe Boulevard, then East along Almeda Genoa Road to its intersection with Blackhawk Boulevard/Clearwood Drive, then North Easterly along Clearwood Drive to its intersection with I-45 (Gulf Freeway), then North Westerly along I-45 to its intersection with College Avenue, then Easterly to its intersection with SH3 (Galveston Road), then South Easterly on SH3 to its intersection with South Shaver Street, then South Westerly along South Shaver Street to its intersection with I-45 then South Easterly down I-45 to its intersection with the Gateway at Ellington Neighborhood, then South Westerly to the intersection of Beamer Road with Dixie Farm Road (FM 1959), then South Westerly along Dixie Farm Road to its intersection with East Broadway Street (FM 518), then North Westerly to its intersection with SH 35 (South Main Street), then Northerly to its intersection with McHard Road, then Easterly on McHard Road to its intersection with Pearlland Parkway, then Northerly on Pearlland Parkway/Monroe Boulevard to its intersection with Almeda Genoa Road, returning to the starting point.

- Rancho Viejo Area, Cameron County

The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at a point described as N26.038113 degrees and W97.662765 degrees, then North to a point described as N26.039187 degrees and W97.663173 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.042238

degrees and W97.661355 degrees, then North West to a point described as N26.043181 degrees and W97.662384 degrees, then North West to a point described as N26.045020 degrees and W97.666146 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.073659 degrees and W97.640404 degrees, then North West to a point described as N26.077092 degrees and W97.645149 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.088969 degrees and W97.635552 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.101460 degrees and W97.627284 degrees, then South East to a point described as N26.094385 degrees and W97.617458 degrees, then South East to a point described as N26.091833 degrees and W97.615076 degrees, then South to a point described as N26.091833 degrees and W97.615076 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.080902 degrees and W97.581814 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.081021 degrees and W97.580814 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.080789 degrees and W97.579106 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.076239 degrees and W97.533750 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.075084 degrees and W97.523935 degrees, then East to a point described as N26.073305 degrees and W97.499314 degrees, then South to a point described as N26.052295 degrees and W97.503192 degrees, then South to a point described as N26.045394 degrees and W97.504870 degrees, then South to a point described as N26.001250 degrees and W97.508846 degrees, then South to a point described as N25.995337 degrees and W97.509319 degrees, then East to a point described as N25.993839 degrees and W97.495641 degrees, then South to a point described as N25.978458 degrees and W97.496850 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.978623 degrees and W97.505980 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.979620 degrees and W97.511963 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.978830 degrees and W97.518034 degrees, then South East to a point described as N25.967162 degrees and W97.512672 degrees, then South West to a point described as N25.966367 degrees and W97.514266 degrees, then South to a point described as N25.965469 degrees and W97.514076 degrees, then South to a point described as N25.945219 degrees and W97.516433 degrees, then South to a point described as N25.926488 degrees and W97.518082 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.926875 degrees and W97.522045 degrees, then North West to a point described as N25.928146 degrees and W97.524315 degrees, then North West to a point described as N25.931213 degrees and W97.526867 degrees, then North West to a point described as N25.933391 degrees and W97.530618 degrees, then South West to a point described as N25.930552 degrees and W97.537073 degrees, then North West along the Rio Grande to the starting point.

- **San Benito Area, Cameron County**

The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at a point described as N26.111754 degrees and W97.629239 degrees, then West to a point described as N26.111876 degrees and W97.631816 degrees, then West to a point described as N26.112673 degrees and W97.638589 degrees, then North West to a point described as N26.119140 degrees and W97.646507 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.122306 degrees and W97.643733 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.128848 degrees and W97.637722 degrees, then North East to a point described as N26.129103 degrees and W97.637399 degrees, then South East to a point described as N26.127637 degrees and W97.635541 degrees, then North East to a point described as

N26.129075 degrees and W97.634286 degrees, then South East to a point described as N26.120157 degrees and W97.621921 degrees, then South West to the starting point.

- **Brownsville Area, Cameron County**

The quarantine boundary is described as: Starting at a point described as N25.924060 degrees and W97.446748 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.925237 degrees and W97.465082 degrees, then North to a point described as N25.931456 degrees and W97.465815 degrees, then West to a point described as N25.932781 degrees and W97.475108 degrees, then North to a point described as N25.949961 degrees and W97.473699 degrees, then East to a point described as N25.949548 degrees and W97.468383 degrees, then North to a point described as N25.963064 degrees and W97.466642 degrees, then East to a point described as N25.961420 degrees and W97.444742 degrees, then South to the starting point.