

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Expands Citrus Black Spot (*Guignardia citricarpa*) Regulated Area in Florida

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the regulated area in Florida for *Guignardia citricarpa*, the causal agent of citrus black spot (CBS). Due to additional detections of CBS during ongoing surveys conducted by APHIS and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry (DPI), the regulated area will expand by nine sections in Collier County, eight sections in Hendry County, and one section in Polk County.

Results from targeted CBS surveys, as well as multi-pest surveys conducted by APHIS and DPI as part of the cooperative Citrus Health Response Program in Florida, have not detected the disease outside of the aforementioned counties.

Regulated articles from the expanded regulated area are subject to all interstate movement conditions outlined in a Federal Order that was previously issued on March 16, 2012. The requirements of the Federal Order are parallel to DPI's State-interior quarantine. Pursuant to guidelines that were established via the March 16, 2012 CBS Federal Order, APHIS will update its Website (listed below) with the date and description of the changes to the CBS regulated areas. In addition, APHIS will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

The Federal Order, APHIS-Approved Packinghouse Procedures for *Guignardia citricarpa*, and list of CBS regulated areas are attached for your reference and can be found on the CBS website at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/citrus/black_spot.shtml

For additional information regarding the CBS program, you may contact Prakash Hebbar, National Coordinator, Citrus Health Response Program, at (301) 851-2228; or Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Program Manager, Citrus Disease Programs, at (301) 851-2286.

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3 Attachments:

- List of Quarantined Areas
- Federal Order (March 16, 2012)
- APHIS Approved Packinghouse Procedures for *Guignardia citricarpa*, Causal Agent of CBS