

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS adds St. Bernard Parish and Portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles, and Lafourche Parishes in Louisiana to the domestic citrus canker (*Xanthomonas* spp.) quarantine

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

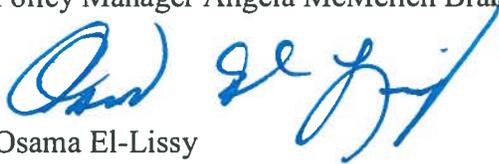
Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the areas quarantined for citrus canker (CC) in Louisiana.

Following the positive identification of *Xanthomonas* spp., the bacterial causal agent of CC from a sweet orange tree located in New Orleans, Louisiana, APHIS and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry completed a delimiting survey. APHIS established a federal quarantine on February 10, 2014 (DA-2014-08).

The attached Federal Order adds the entirety of St. Bernard Parish and portions of Lafourche Parish in Louisiana to the CC quarantined area in the United States. The Federal Order also expands the existing quarantine in portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines, and St. Charles Parishes in Louisiana. Louisiana has established an intra-state quarantined area for CC that parallels the federal CC regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR §301.75.

Under the current CC quarantine regulations, the interstate movement of citrus plants and plant parts, other than commercially packed and disinfected citrus fruit, remains prohibited with the following exception: Citrus nursery stock that is moved in accordance with regulations contained in 7 CFR §301.76 may move from areas quarantined for CC.

For additional information regarding the CC program, you may call Citrus Health Response Program National Coordinator Mary Palm at 301-851-2069, or Citrus Disease Program National Policy Manager Angela McMellen Brannigan at 301-851-2314.



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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of St. Bernard Parish and Portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles, and Lafourche Parishes in Louisiana for Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas* spp.)

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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the spread of the plant disease caused by citrus canker (*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. 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 Month xx, 2016 Federal Order supersedes citrus canker (CC) Federal Order DA-2014-08 for Louisiana issued on February 10, 2014. This Federal Order revises the areas that are quarantined for CC in Louisiana.

Addition of Quarantined Areas

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds all of St. Bernard Parish and portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles, and Lafourche Parishes in Louisiana to the CC quarantined areas in Louisiana. This action is in response to the detection of CC in these areas. Following the initial detection of CC in Orleans parish and subsequent delimiting surveys, we have determined that these areas meet the criteria in § 301.75-4 (b) of the regulation to be designated as quarantined areas.

To prevent the spread of CC, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to regulate Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes and portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles, and Lafourche Parishes in Louisiana. Accordingly, effective immediately, all interstate movement of CC regulated articles from these areas must be done in accordance with the regulations that APHIS has developed and administers in accordance with 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*.

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

Section 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). Section 7 CFR 301.75-4 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person who possesses a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the federal and/or state regulatory personnel who are responsible for the CC program in the affected state.

For additional information regarding the CC program, please call the Citrus Health Response Program's National Coordinator Mary Palm at 301-851-2069. You may also call the Citrus Disease Program's National Policy Manager Angela McMellen Brannigan at 301-851-2314.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state regulatory officials, the Native American tribes in Louisiana, and the citrus industry in our efforts to prevent the spread of CC.

Quarantine Boundaries

This Federal Order updates §301.75-4 (a) as follows:

Louisiana.

1. The entire parishes of Orleans and St. Bernard;
2. The portions of Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Charles Parishes bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Orleans and Plaquemines Parish line located in the center of the Mississippi River near St. Bernard State Park; then moving west, following the Orleans Parish line to the intersection of the Orleans Parish line with River Road; then moving west on River Road and following River Road parallel to the western border of the Mississippi River to the point where River Road becomes Highway 11; then following Highway 11 until it reaches the point immediately east of East Walker Road; then moving west following East Walker Road and crossing Highway 23 to the intersection of Highway 23 and Walker Road; then moving west following Walker Road to the intersection of East Bayou Road; then moving north following East Bayou Road to the intersection of the service road servicing the intra-coastal waterway west closure complex; then moving west-southwest along an imaginary line that intersects with the Jefferson Parish line running through Lake Salvador; then moving northeast, following the Jefferson Parish line to the intersection of the parish line with Highway 18; then moving southwest following Highway 18 (River Road) to the intersection of Interstate Highway 310; then moving south following I-310 until it reaches the intersection of I-310 and Hwy 3127; then moving north following 3127 to the intersection of Hwy 3127 and

Hwy 3142; then moving east following 3142 to the intersection of Hwy 3142 and the West Mississippi River Levee; then moving south following the West Mississippi River Levee to the GPS coordinates 29.957078, -90.402763; then moving east along an imaginary line which crosses the Mississippi River and runs into Ormand Blvd.; the line continues northeast along Ormand Blvd until it intersects US 61; then moving southeast following US 61 until it intersects I-310; then moving north following Interstate Highway 310 to the Interstate Highway 310 / Interstate Highway 10 interchange; then moving east following Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with the Jefferson Parish line; then moving north following the Jefferson Parish line until reaching the south shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain; then moving east following the south shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain until its intersection with the Orleans Parish line; then moving south following the Orleans Parish line and following said parish line to the point of beginning;

3. The portion of Plaquemines Parish bounded by a line beginning on the West Bank Back levee, City Price to Empire at GPS coordinates 29.407249, -89.61491.7, west of Carroll Lane; then moving south following the West Bank Back Levee, City Price to Empire to GPS coordinates 29.387110, -89.606785, west of E. Buccaran Road; then moving east following an imaginary line that intersects Hwy 23; then continuing east following E. Buccaran Road until it intersects Parish Road 11; then moving east along an imaginary line until it intersects the West Mississippi River Levee at GPS coordinates 29.392376, -89.598360; then moving north following the West Mississippi River Levee to GPS coordinates 29.409588, -89.609089; then moving west along an imaginary line until it intersects Parish Road 11; then continuing west following Carroll Lane until it intersects Hwy 23; then continuing west following an imaginary line to the point of beginning;
4. The portion of Lafourche Parish bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 1, then moving southwest on Highway 90 where it intersects Bayou Folse; then moving northwest along Bayou Folse to GPS coordinates 29.709562, -90.632235, then moving north, northeast along an imaginary line until it intersects Highway 1, then moving southeast on Highway 1 until it reaches the point of beginning.

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