

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Portions of Fort Bend and Harris Counties in Texas to the Domestic Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas* spp.) Quarantine Area

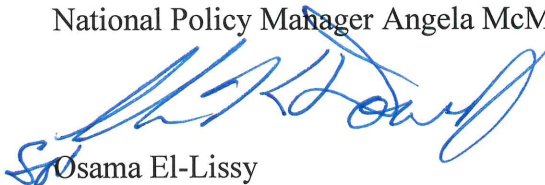
TO: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the area quarantined for citrus canker in Texas to include additional portions of Fort Bend and Harris Counties to prevent the spread of the disease.

On July 20, 2017, APHIS confirmed the positive identification of citrus canker in one sample collected during a delimiting survey around the existing Richmond Citrus Canker Quarantine area. TDA removed and destroyed the positive citrus canker tree. APHIS completed delimiting surveys around the location and found no other citrus trees positive for citrus canker within the survey area. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has established an intrastate quarantine area for citrus canker that parallels the federal citrus canker regulatory requirements as specified in 7 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) §301.75.

Under the citrus canker quarantine regulations, the interstate movement of citrus plants and plant parts, other than commercially packed and disinfected citrus fruit, remains prohibited. However, citrus nursery stock that is moved in accordance with regulations as noted in 7 CFR 301.76, may move from areas quarantined for citrus canker.

For additional information regarding the citrus canker program, you may call Citrus Disease National Policy Manager Angela McMellen-Brannigan at 301-851-2314.



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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine for Portions of Fort Bend and Harris Counties in Texas for Citrus Canker (*Xanthomonas* spp.)

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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the spread of the plant disease citrus canker (CC) 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. 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-2017-09 for Texas issued on April 13, 2017, and revises the areas quarantined for CC in Texas.

Addition of Quarantined Area

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds portions of Fort Bend and Harris Counties to the citrus canker quarantine area in Texas. This action is in response to the detections of citrus canker in Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas and subsequent delimiting surveys in these areas. We have 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 portions of Fort Bend and Harris Counties in Texas. Accordingly and effective immediately, all interstate movement of citrus canker 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.

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

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

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

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*.

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.

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 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 Citrus Disease National Policy Manager Angela McMellen Brannigan at 301-851-2314.

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.

Quarantine Boundaries

This Federal Order updates the quarantined area for citrus canker in Texas as follows:

Richmond Citrus Canker Quarantined Area
Including Parts of Fort Bend and Harris Counties, Texas.

The quarantine boundary is described as:

Starting at a point described as N29.7137691701 degrees and W95.5967912391 degrees, then South along Cook to a point described as N29.6767028781 degrees and W95.595919091 degrees, then East along Bissonette to a point described as N29.6673272857 degrees and W95.589159943 degrees, then South East along Kirkwood to a point described as N29.6618763608 degrees and W95.5854533134 degrees, then East along W Airport Blvd. to a point described as N29.647997 degrees and W95.586641 degrees, then East along W Airport Blvd to a point described as N29.639813 degrees and W95.57794 degrees, then South East along Sam Houston Pkwy to a point described as N29.641622 degrees and W95.641622 degrees, then South West along US 90 to a point described as N29.644379 degrees and W95.539002 degrees, then South along I-69 to a point described as N29.6427574063 degrees and W95.6168549701 degrees, then East along UA 90 to a point described as N29.6295 degrees and W95.591789 degrees, then South East along Commerce Green to a point described as N29.6109245005 degrees and W95.6028558398 degrees, then South West along Sugar Creek to a point described as N29.6040605239 degrees and W95.6104896073 degrees, then North West along William Trace to a point described as N29.6054076606 degrees and W95.615108359 degrees, then South West along IH 69 to a point described as N29.6009172081 degrees and W95.6199195574 degrees, then North West along Lake Pointe Pkwy to a point described as N29.6084226783 degrees and W95.6271042808 degrees, then North West along Venice St to a point described as N29.6199054056 degrees and W95.6352512437 degrees, then West along UA 90 to a point described as N29.6191356129 degrees and W95.6376889173 degrees, then North

West along Ulrich St. to a point described as N29.6217015856 degrees and W95.6387794559 degrees, then West along Imperial Blvd to a point described as N29.6273467254 degrees and W95.6505829301 degrees, then North along SH6 to a point described as N29.6379304472 degrees and W95.6514168705 degrees, then West along Cullinan Park to a point described as N29.6379304472 degrees and W95.6575694024 degrees, then North along McKinney Falls to a point described as N29.6425646295 degrees and W95.6571970129 degrees, then West along Longhorn Cavern Dr. to a point described as N29.6405696553 degrees and W95.6627163358 degrees, then South West along Old Richmond Rd to a point described as N29.633359499 degrees and W95.6748009623 degrees, then South along Crystal Run to a point described as N29.6193591439 degrees and W95.6748484879 degrees, then West along Fields Crossing to a point described as N29.619795218 degrees and W95.6840060423 degrees, then South along FM 1664 to a point described as N29.6163066263 degrees and W95.6846601534 degrees , then North West along Owens Rd to a point described as N29.6211034411 degrees and W95.694253782 degrees, then North along Windmill Hill to a point described as N29.6407267713 degrees and W95.6922914487 degrees, then East along Kayland Ct. to a point described as N29.6409448084 degrees and W95.6846601534 degrees, then North along Haley Hollow to a point described as N29.6458503313 degrees and W95.6866824859 degrees , then West along Stalach Ln to a point described as N29.6484356475 degrees and W95.6996236735 degrees, then North West along Westmoor Dr. to a point described as N29.6566147872 degrees and W95.7013059003 degrees, then West along Croftmore to a point described as N29.6567163387 degrees and W95.7028291711 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6583411645 degrees and W95.7028291711 degrees, then West to a point described as N29.6583411645 degrees and W95.7056726125 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6685978632 degrees and W95.705571062 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6685978632 degrees and W95.7027276197 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6701211367 degrees and W95.7027276197 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6702226881 degrees and W95.6944003985 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.6711366502 degrees and W95.6944003985 degrees, then East to a point described as N29.6709335473 degrees and W95.6797769858 degrees, then North along Clondine Rd to a point described as N29.6838980993 degrees and W95.6809535239 degrees , then West along Beechnut St. to a point described as N29.6834620262 degrees and W95.7012309661 degrees, then North to a point described as N29.700468912 degrees and W95.7010129291 degrees, then East along Bellaire to a point described as N29.700468912 degrees and W95.6844421155 degrees, then South along Chickore Woods to a point described as N29.6982885417 degrees and W95.6844421155 degrees, then East along Espinosa Dr. to a point described as N29.6982885417 degrees and W95.6794272647 degrees, then South along Londres Dr. to a point described as N29.6958155805 degrees and W95.6790238171 degrees , then East along Sinola to a point described as N29.6957509921 degrees and W95.6757943606 degrees, then North along Sierra Grande to a point described as N29.6965260611 degrees and W95.6755360043 degrees, then East along Pasadero Dr. to a point described as N29.699238804 degrees and W95.6646850327 degrees, then North East along Addicks Clondine to a point described as N29.7096376532 degrees and W95.6606159179 degrees, then East along Westpark Tollway to a point described as N29.7106064892 degrees and W95.6529298135 degrees, then North along Cedar Gardens to a point described as N29.7139651234 degrees and W95.6527360464 degrees, then East along Bend to a point described as N29.7140297127 degrees and W95.6439519264 degrees, then South along SH 6 to a point described as

N29.7127473316 degrees and W95.6436747482 degrees, then East along Westpark Tollway to a point described as N29.713333096 degrees and W95.6157604574 degrees, then North along Ashford Dr. to a point described as N29.7166036506 degrees and W95.6153243842 degrees, then East along Medfield Dr. to a point described as N29.7170397256 degrees and W95.6011519789 degrees, then South along Shady Breeze Dr. to a point described as N29.7139872071 degrees and W95.6011519789 degrees, then East to the starting point.

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