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## **ADVISORY CHINA PROTOCOL - REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

California Citrus Exporters:

The California Citrus Quality Council (CCQC) is contacting you to draw your attention to documents that will be needed to comply with the protocol for exports to China. The following documents describe what is needed to comply with the protocol including documentation of compliance. All packinghouses and growers should be aware that APHIS is putting more emphasis on compliance and documentation procedures to ensure that the industry is complying with the protocol.

Since Chinese regulators are requiring additional mitigation measures for Tulare County, there are two sets of documents. One set is for Tulare County only; the other set is for counties other than Tulare County.

The Tulare County documents should be used for Tulare County packing houses and fruit grown in Tulare County. The "other than Tulare County" documents are for houses outside of Tulare County and groves located outside of Tulare County. **Please note that all fruit grown in Tulare County are subject to the Tulare County protocol. That means that packinghouses outside of Tulare County must meet the Tulare County protocol if they pack fruit from Tulare County.**

Documents posted on website include:

- I. Standard Operating Procedures for growers – each grower who plans to ship fruit to China should sign the SOP document along with the packinghouse person who is responsible for grove compliance. Signed SOPs must be on file at packinghouses for review if asked by APHIS.
- II. Affirmation Letter for Packinghouses – each packinghouse must sign the attached affirmation letter which affirms that all packinghouses that ship fruit to China agree to comply with all of the measures in the China protocol. By signing the document, packinghouses affirm that they understand the protocol and will comply.
- III. Phytophthora Monitoring Record – each lot that will be destined for export to China must be monitored for Phytophthora symptoms. Use of this document is not mandatory, but records must be kept on monitoring. This document is a template that can be changed to suit each individual grower or packinghouse. The format is not important, but the records must be maintained.
- IV. Phytophthora Management Document (GAPs) – this document provides detailed information on how to control Phytophthora (Good Agricultural Practices) and monitor for Phytophthora symptoms.
- V. Incubation Sampling Guide – This document provides a chart that tells packinghouses how many fruit to incubate by size of grove.

Please review the documents and contact me by telephone at (530) 885-1894 or via e-mail at [jcranney@calcitrusquality.org](mailto:jcranney@calcitrusquality.org) if you have questions or need additional information.

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