

California Exotic Fruit Fly Project

Exhibit - M

Packing Houses

Check applicable location

- Located *Inside* the Quarantine Area and *Inside* the Regulatory Core Area
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1. Approved Sourcing

Only accept shipments of Exotic Fruit Fly Host Material (FFHM) from an exotic fruit fly quarantine area when all of the following stipulations have been met:

- a) Grower and harvester are under compliance with the Project.* **and**
- b) Transported and delivered by a hauler under compliance with the Project.* **and**
- c) Proof of treatment has accompanied each FFHM shipment

**The Project will provide a listing of packers, processors, transporters, growers, and harvesters under compliance.*

2. Harvest Schedule

- a) Notify the Project at least 24 hours in advance before receiving FFHM from growers within the quarantine area, **and**
- b) Work with the Project to maintain a weekly harvest schedule for each grower within the quarantine area

3. Packing House Procedures

- a) Facility located inside the Quarantine Area and inside the Regulatory Core Area:
 - i. Packing Procedures are to be conducted during daytime and nighttime hours in an enclosed area, with openings secured by screens, air curtains, doors, plastic strips, or other means approved by the Project, **and**
 - ii. Upon arrival, trucks must be parked in an enclosed area prior to offloading FFHM **and**
 - iii. All offloading and moving FFHM material into the packing facility must be conducted within an enclosure to prevent any exposure to exotic fruit flies.
- b) Facility located Inside the Quarantine Area and outside the Regulatory Core Area:
 - i. Packing Procedures are to be conducted during daytime hours in an enclosed area, with openings secured by screens, air curtains, doors, plastic strips, or other means approved by the Project, **and**
 - ii. Upon arrival, trucks must be offloaded immediately with minimum exposure to exotic fruit flies.
 - iii. No safeguarding measures are required at night between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- c) Facility located outside the quarantine area:
 - i. Packing Procedures can be conducted, during daytime or nighttime hours, in the open without any safeguarding requirements
 - ii. There are no safeguarding requirements or time restrictions for offloading trucks.

4. Diamond Stamp FFHM Originating *from Inside* the Quarantine Area

- a) Packing establishment shall be issued Exhibit - Y for use of the Diamond Stamp.
- b) This packing house shall ensure that all certifiable final containers, with FFHM **grown inside the quarantine area**, are marked with a diamond stamp.

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5. Segregation and No Commingling

All FFHM **from inside** the quarantine area must be segregated and not allowed to mix with fruit originating **from outside** the quarantine area.

- a) All refrigerator and load trucks arriving from growing sites within the quarantine area must contain FFHM exclusively from the quarantine area.
- b) Segregation at the packing facility is a physical barrier or no less than the length of a field bin or pallet, and in a secure area.
- c) Packing Houses located within an exotic fruit fly quarantine area must safeguard FFHM at all times while kept at the facility.

6. Storing and Safeguarding FFHM not packed upon arrival

If FFHM cannot be packed immediately due to equipment failure or high volume of fruit received, immediately safeguard all FFHM in a Project approved method:

- a) Store in a cooler that is maintained at 58° F or below, **and**
- b) Segregate in an area of the cooler separate from all other FFHM of non-quarantine origin. Separation must be a physical barrier, or no less than the length of a field bin or pallet, **or**
- c) Other safeguarding method(s), pre-approved by the Project, and listed below under Special Instructions.

7. Notification of Shipments Received from Growers **Not Under Compliance**

Implement all of the following if a shipment arrives at this Establishment from a grower within the quarantine area not under compliance with the Project:

- a) Upon receipt of non-compliant shipment(s), immediately contact the Project or local County Agricultural Commissioner, **and**
- b) **Do Not** pack shipment(s), **and**
- c) Properly safeguard shipment(s) using Project approved methods to avoid potential spread of exotic fruit flies, **and**
- d) Segregate shipment from all other shipments of received FFHM, **and**
- e) Provide all shipping documents and/or certificates that accompanied the shipment to Project or County agricultural officials immediately upon request.

8. Clean Containers

Clean all bulk bins or containers or other conveyances used to transport shipments as soon as possible after emptying to remove all plant debris and residue capable of harboring any life stage of an exotic Fruit Fly. Approved cleaning methods include but are not limited to the following:

- a) No less than 30 psi pressure washing, **or**
- b) Other cleaning method(s) pre-approved by the Project, and listed below under Special Instructions.

9. Clean Equipment

Clean all equipment used in the packing process of all plant debris and residue capable of harboring any life stage of an exotic fruit fly.

- a) Pack all FFHM from the quarantine area, clean the equipment, and then pack FFHM from outside the quarantine area the remainder of the day, **or**
- b) Safeguard FFHM material from the quarantine area, **and**
- c) Pack all FFHM from outside the quarantine area, then pack all FFHM from inside the quarantine area, and clean the equipment by the end of the day.
- d) Clean with no less than 30 psi pressure washing, **or**
- e) Other cleaning method(s) pre-approved by the Project and listed under Special Instructions.

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10. Waste Disposal

All debris, culls, and unpacked whole fruit or parts (peels, pulp, etc.) must be disposed of in a Project approved manner.

- a) Collect and secure in double, leak proof, plastic bags, **and**
- b) Place in dumpsters on site for pick up by a commercial garbage disposal company under compliance with the Project, **and**
- c) Dumpsters must be kept closed and be in a secure location at the packing facility.

11. Maintain FFHM Identity

Identity of exotic FFHM from growing site to receiving establishment must be maintained from point of harvest (growing site) throughout all stages of transport, receiving, handling, packing, and destination shipping.

12. Records

Maintain records affiliated with all shipments for a minimum of two years and provide such records to Project or County agricultural officials upon request.

13. Inspection

Establishment shall allow Project or County agricultural officials to inspect the premises to ensure compliance with this agreement, and obtain and review records of all shipments destined to locations outside the exotic fruit fly quarantine area.

14. Training

Ensure all employees receive training to be compliant with all stipulations of the Compliance Agreement and this Exhibit.

15. Information posting

Place informative posters and associated exotic fruit fly information supplied by the Project in a conspicuous location to warn of the hazards of spreading the exotic fruit fly infestation.

16. Compliance

Failure to comply with all stipulations of the Compliance Agreement and this Exhibit may result in fruit seizure, violations being issued to you, and/or revocation of this agreement.

Special Instructions:

Owner/Manager:

Project Officer:

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____