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PHYTOSANITARY ADVISORY

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DATE: May 14, 2007
TO: All County Agricultural Commissioners
FILE: Export File
SUBJECT: New Restrictions on the Shipment of Hosts of Light Brown Apple Moth to Mexico

Attached is a letter from the Secretary of the National Animal and Plant Health Organization in Mexico (SAGARPA) to the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA/APHIS) regarding new phytosanitary restrictions on the shipment of hosts of light brown apple moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*) from California to Mexico.

In summary, all fruits, vegetables and types of propagative plants listed in the attached letter are prohibited into Mexico from the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and San Mateo, and any other county in California where light brown apple moth has been detected.

From all other counties, listed fruits and vegetables must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate indicating that the product was inspected and found free of any life stages of *E. postvittana*, and must be free of leaves and residual debris. Listed propagative plants must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate indicating that the material was inspected and found free of any life stages of *E. postvittana*, and the Additional Declaration must state that this shipment is coming from a company or exporter approved by SAGARPA. Please see the attached letter for details on the approval process for greenhouses or productions areas.

The letter states that the restrictions may be modified if more information becomes available about the status of *E. postvittana* in the United States. The letter indicates the effective date is May 10, 2007, but the USDA/APHIS has been notified of a two-week delay before the restrictions begin.

Inspectors should consult the summary of restrictions for shipments to Mexico in the EXCERPT database (<http://ceris.purdue.edu/excerpt/>), which will be revised to include these new restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding this advisory, please contact Brian Cahill at (916) 654-0312 or via e-mail at bcahill@cdfa.ca.gov.

Attachments

Attachment 1

Free-Translation by Aida Santamaria.

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CHIEF DIRECTOR OFFICE
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Dr. Ron DeHaven
Administrator USDA-APHIS

Mexico, D.F. May 4, 2007

Reference is made to detections in California, USA, of the Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*) a pest of quarantine importance to Mexico, and to the information provided by USDA about the movement of the pest in the State of California.

In this regard, I am informing you that after analyzed that information and concluding a preliminary pest risk analysis for *Epiphyas postvittana*, we have determined this pest represents a high phytosanitary risk for Mexico's agriculture and with the purpose to get the phytosanitary security level and to continue with our mutual trade of agricultural commodities, that are host to this pest, we are establishing the following actions as mitigation risk measurements

1. - Importation of LBAM host material is prohibited, fruit as well as propagative material, that are included on the Attachment 1, originated or packed from the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco and San Mateo in the State of California, as well as from all counties in Hawaii, USA.
2. - In the case of all those fruits originated from cultivars hosting *E. postvittana* (see Attachment 1), and that are produced outside the quarantined Counties in the States of California and Hawaii, USA, and that are intended to be exported to Mexico, they will have to comply with the following phytosanitary measures in addition to the previously established for each product individually:
 - a) The International Phytosanitary Certificate must indicate that the product was inspected and found free of any biologic instars of *Epiphyas postvittana*.
 - b) All fruits should be free of leaves and residual debris.
 - c) Inspection and sampling at Mexico point of entry.
3. - For propagative material of the *E. Postvittana* hosting cultivars (See Attachment 1) produced outside the aforementioned counties in the State of California or Hawaii, USA, intended to be exported to Mexico, must comply with the following phytosanitary measures, in addition to the previously established for each product.

- a) Orchards/greenhouses or production sectors should be under a USDA-APHIS phytosanitary certification program.
- b) SAGARPA will perform a verification visit to these greenhouses or production sectors to verify their phytosanitary condition and to approve those nurseries that are interested in exporting to Mexico.
- c) The International Phytosanitary Certificate must indicate that the propagative material was inspected and found free of any biologic instars of the *Apiiphyas postvittana*. Furthermore, on the additional declaration it must state that this shipment is coming from a company or exporter approved by SAGARPA.
- d) Inspection and sampling process at Mexico point of entrance.

In the case of a pest detection occurred at some counties other than the specified on Point 1); these same restrictions will be applied.

Unnecessary to say that, the present phytosanitary conditions may be modified or harmonized whenever we have more technical and scientific information regarding *E. postvittana*, as well as we receive more information about the evolution status of this pest in the United States.

Finally, please be informed that the aforementioned restrictions will be into effect as of May 10, 2007.

Without further, please receive a cordial greeting.

Yours truly,
The Chief Director

MVZ. ENRIQUE SANCHEZ CRUZ

ATTACHMENT 2

Fruits and propagative material hosting Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*).

Fruits and Greenery

Avocado
Apple
Pear
Peach
Nectarine
Apricot
Cherry
Grape
Lime
Lemon
Grapefruit
Clementine
Tangerine
Orange
Kiwi
Tomato
Cucumber
Alfalfa –geminated

Ornamentals

Chrysanthemum spp.
Dahlia sp.
Laurus nobilis
Pelargonium sp.
Pittosporum sp.
Pyracantha sp.
Rosa spp.