

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine in Los Angeles County, California for Mediterranean Fruit Fly (*Ceratitis capitata*)

This Federal Order is issued under the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which 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 and the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.78.

Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) has been found in Rolling Hills/Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, California and the Administrator has reason to believe that the Medfly is present and that it is necessary to quarantine an area in Los Angeles County in order to prevent the spread of Medfly. Therefore, effective immediately, we are temporarily designating the following area in Los Angeles County, California, as a quarantined area:

In the Rolling Hills/Rancho Palos Verdes area of Los Angeles County:

Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 1 and Torrance Boulevard; then, easterly, southeasterly, northeasterly, southeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, and easterly along Torrance Boulevard to its intersection with Cabrillo Avenue; then, southeasterly and southerly along Cabrillo Avenue to its intersection with W Carson Street; then, easterly along W Carson Street to its intersection with S Vermont Avenue; then, southerly along S Vermont Avenue to its intersection with W 223rd Street; then, easterly along W 223rd Street to its intersection with Main Street; then, southerly along Main Street to its intersection with E Sepulveda Boulevard; then, easterly along E Sepulveda Boulevard to its intersection with Avalon Boulevard; then, southerly along Avalon Boulevard to its intersection with W Harry Bridges Boulevard; then, southwesterly along W Harry Bridges Boulevard to its intersection with S Fries Avenue; then, southerly along S Fries Avenue to its intersection with Pier A Street; then, southwesterly along Pier A Street to its intersection with Pier A Place; then, southeasterly and southerly along Pier A Place to its southern most point; then, southwesterly along an imaginary line to its intersection with the intersection of State Highway 47 and the western shoreline of the Los Angeles Main Channel; then, southwesterly along an imaginary line to its intersection with the intersection of Nagoya Way and Sampson Way; then, northerly along Sampson Way to its intersection with E 6th Street; then, westerly along E 6th Street to its intersection with S Harbor Boulevard; then, southerly along S Harbor Boulevard to its intersection with Miner Street; then, southeasterly along Miner Street to its intersection with E 22nd Street; then, southwesterly along E 22nd Street to its intersection with W 22nd Street; then, southwesterly and westerly along W 22nd Street to its intersection with S Pacific Avenue; then, southerly along S Pacific Avenue to its intersection with the northern boundary of

Point Fermin Park; then, northeasterly and southeasterly along the boundary line of Point Fermin Park to its intersection with the California coastline; then, southwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, westerly, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, westerly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, southerly, westerly, northerly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, westerly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, westerly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northwesterly, northeasterly, northerly, northeasterly, northerly, northwesterly, northerly, northwesterly, southwesterly, northerly, northeasterly, and northerly along the California coastline to its intersection with the southern boundary line of Redondo Beach State Park; then, northeasterly, northerly, westerly, northerly, northwesterly, and northerly along the boundary line of Redondo Beach State Park to its intersection with the boundary line of Veterans Park; then, easterly, northeasterly and northerly along the boundary line of Veterans Park to its intersection with Torrance Boulevard; then, easterly along Torrance Boulevard to the point of beginning.

7 CFR 301.78-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire State only when the State enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches the Mediterranean Fruit Fly regulations.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has already designated the above delineated area as an area under quarantine under the California State interior quarantine for Mediterranean fruit fly.

7 CFR 301.78-3(b) provides for temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add affected areas to the list shown in 7CFR 301.78-3(c).

Effectively immediately, persons seeking movement of regulated articles designated in 7 CFR 301.78-2 should refer to 7 CFR 301.78-4 for conditions governing the interstate movement of regulated articles from quarantine areas.

This action will be reflected in an Interim Rule that we anticipate will soon be published in the Federal Register for public comment in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.