

ACP Compliance Agreements FAQ

The new regulation governing bulk citrus prohibits movement of bulk citrus fruit both within and from a quarantine area. While the regulation change mainly applies to transporters, all entities involved in growing, transporting, and packing citrus fruit need a new compliance agreement to allow them to continue their business practices.

Q: Who is required to have a compliance agreement?

A: Everyone growing, transporting, or packing/processing bulk citrus.

Q: My citrus is only for decoration and personal consumption, do I need a compliance agreement?

A: If you have 25 or more trees on your property, yes you do.

Q: I only have 3 citrus trees but I take my fruit to farmers markets, do I need a compliance agreement?

A: Yes, you also need both a grower and a transporter exhibit. The fruit must be transported in a fully enclosed vehicle or be completely covered by a tarp or mesh.

Q: Your instructions only say the fruit has to be tarped, how exactly should I do that?

A: We have created a performance standard, so as long as the fruit is safeguarded in transit in either a fully enclosed vehicle or completely covered by tarp or mesh (no greater than 0.3 square millimeters or 95% shade) then you will meet the requirement. How you go about meeting the requirement is up to you.

Q: Exhibits X1, X2, and X3 don't apply to me, do I need to sign them?

A: If your fruit is grown and packed in the same quarantine area, then you do not.

Q: I field clean my fruit to send them to a different quarantine area, do I need to sign Exhibits X1-3?

A: Yes, it's possible your practices may change in the future so we want to make sure you are covered. If you sign them and never use the "spray and harvest" then having the exhibits with your compliance agreement won't affect you at all.

Q: I only handle fruit that has already been packed, do I need a compliance agreement?

A: If you only handle fruit that has gone through the full packing procedure (culling, washing, grading, waxing) then you would be considered a repacker, broker, or fruit seller and you do not need a compliance agreement.

Q: What happens if I don't get a compliance agreement?

A: Without a compliance agreement, you will not legally be able to sell, transport, or pack bulk citrus fruit.

Q: Is there a website with information?

A: You can go to this website: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/acp/regulation.html> or email ACPCCompliance@cdfa.ca.gov for assistance.