Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) Compliance Agreements – Post Quarantine Update

LBAM Compliance Agreement Update Agenda

- Intro- Ha Dang, Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer
- History and Summary- Travis Elder, Deputy Ag. Commissioner
- Details of Agreement- David Navarro, Supervising Inspector
- Questions- Jim Lawrence, CDFA and Carlito Yambao, USDA

Background

 On December 17, 2021, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the light brown apple moth (LBAM), Epiphyas postvittana, quarantine in California and Hawaii. APHIS reclassified LBAM as a non-quarantine pest and rescinded Federal Order DA-2007-18.

LBAM Compliance Agreement Summary

USDA Compliance Agreement for LBAM- cancelled

CDFA Compliance Agreement for LBAM- now available

Canadian Directive D-07-03 (Phytosanitary Import Requirements for LBAM Host Material)



Mexico (LBAM Phytosanitary Import Requirements from PExD)

Propagative Nursery Stock

- San Diego Origin commodities:
 - Must have a E. postvittana monitoring system showing negative results.
 - Must have an integrated pest management (IPM) program, which includes E. postvittana
 - Products must be sent in closed containers that have been sealed at origin.
- All shipments:
 - The County and State must be indicated in the place of origin box on the phytosanitary certificate.
 - Must be free of leaves, plant debris, and soil.

Fruits and Vegetables

- San Diego Origin commodities:
 - Must have a E. postvittana monitoring system showing negative results.
 - Must have an integrated pest management (IPM) program, which includes E. postvittana
- All shipments:
 - The County and State must be indicated in the place of origin box on the phytosanitary certificate.
 - All fruits as well as packaging must be free of leaves, plant debris, and soil.
 - Products must be sent in closed containers that have been sealed at origin.
 - Will be subject to inspection and sampling at any point of entry into Mexico.
 - Must meet all requirements previously established by the existing regulation.

In Summary

- The new LBAM Compliance Agreement (CA) supersedes all previous LBAM agreements
- The agreement applies to Exporters of LBAM host material to Canada and/or Mexico
 - Canada Guidance outlined in Directive 07-03
 - Mexico Guidance outlined in Phytosanitary Export Database (PExD)
- Inspectors will begin issuing new CAs in the coming weeks
 - LBAM Nursery Best Management Practices will be included
- The new agreement will be valid through December 31, 2022