

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry Office Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Horticulture and Quarantine Programs

Citrus Canker Disease Quarantine (LAC 7:XV.127)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:953(B), and pursuant to the authority of the state entomologist in R.S. 3:1652, notice is hereby given that Department of Agriculture and Forestry is adopting these emergency regulations establishing a quarantine for citrus canker disease ("CC") caused by the bacterial pathogens Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri and Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. aurantifolii. The state entomologist has determined that CC has been found in this state and may be prevented, controlled, or eradicated by quarantine.

CC poses an imminent peril to the health and welfare of the Louisiana commercial citrus industry due to its ability to infest rutaceous plants. This industry has a farm value of \$2.4 - \$5 million in southeastern Louisiana in the form of citrus nursery stock, and \$5.1 million in the form of commercial citrus fruit in the state. CC causes premature leaf and fruit drop, twig dieback and tree decline in citrus trees and is spread by wind-driven rain or through the movement of infected plants. Failure to prevent, control, or eradicate this pest threatens to destroy Louisiana's commercial citrus industry and the growing and harvesting of citrus by citizens of Louisiana for their own private use.

Louisiana's commercial citrus industry adds \$7.5 - \$10 million dollars to the state's agriculture economy each year. Sales of citrus trees and plants by nursery stock dealers to private individuals also are important to the state's economy. The loss of the state's commercial citrus industry and privately owned citrus trees and fruit would be devastating to the state's economy and to its private citizens. The quarantine established by this emergency regulation is necessary to prevent the spread of CC in Louisiana outside of the current areas where this disease has already been found.

For these reasons, the outbreak CC in Louisiana presents an imminent peril to the health, safety and welfare of Louisiana's citizens and the state's commercial and private citrus industry. As a result of this imminent peril, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry hereby exercises its full and plenary power pursuant to R.S. 3:1652 to deal with crop and fruit pests and contagious and infectious crop and fruit diseases by imposing the quarantines set out in these emergency regulations.

This rule shall have the force and effect of law October 25, 2016, and will remain in effect 120 days, unless renewed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry or until permanent rules are promulgated in accordance with law.

Title 7. Agriculture and Animals Part XV. Plant Protection and Quarantine

Chapter 1. Crop Pests and Diseases

Subchapter B. Nursery Stock Quarantines

§127. Citrus Nursery Stock, Scions and Budwood

A.- E.3(d)(iii)(b) ...

F. Citrus Canker Disease Quarantine

1. The department issues the following quarantine because the state entomologist has determined that citrus canker disease (CC), caused by the bacterial pathogen Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri (Xac A, A* and AW) with synonyms X. citri pv. citri, or X. citri subsp. citri or X. campestris pv. citri or X. smithii subsp. citri; and X. axonopodis pv. aurantifolii (Xac B & C) with a synonym X. fuscans subsp. aurantifolii, has been found in this state and may be prevented, controlled, or eradicated by quarantine.

2. No regulated materials as defined in this Subsection shall be moved out of any area of this state that is listed in this subsection as a quarantined area for CC, except as provided in this subsection.

3. Any person violating this quarantine shall be subject to imposition of the remedies and penalties provided for in R.S. 3:1653 for any violation of this quarantine.

4. Quarantined areas in this state include:

a. the entire parishes of Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines;

b. the portions of Jefferson and St. Charles Parishes bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Jefferson, Plaquemines and Orleans parish lines located at GPS coordinates 29.895497, -90.008050 then moving southwest along the Jefferson parish line to the intracoastal waterway west closure complex; then moving west-southwest along an imaginary line that intersects with the St. Charles/Jefferson Parish line running through Lake Salvador; then moving northwest, following the St. Charles /Jefferson Parish line to the intersection of the parish line with Highway 18; then moving southwest following Highway 18 (River Road) to the intersection of Interstate Highway 310; then moving south following I-310 until it reaches the intersection of I-310 and Hwy 3127; then moving north following 3127 to the intersection of Hwy 3127 and Hwy 3142; then moving north following 3142 to the intersection of Hwy 3142 and the West Mississippi River Levee; then moving south following the West Mississippi River Levee to the GPS coordinates 29.957078, -90.402763; then moving east along an imaginary line which crosses the Mississippi River and runs into Ormand Blvd.; the line continues northeast along Ormand Blvd until it intersects US 61; then moving southeast following US 61 until it intersects I-310; then moving north following Interstate Highway 310 to the Interstate Highway 310 / Interstate Highway 10 interchange; then moving east following Interstate Highway 10 to its intersection with the Jefferson Parish line; then moving north following the Jefferson Parish line until reaching the south shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain; then moving east following the south shoreline of Lake Ponchartrain until its intersection with the Orleans Parish line; then moving south following the Jefferson /Orleans Parish line and following said parish line to the point of beginning located at 29.895497, -90.00805.

c. that portion of Lafourche Parish bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 1, then moving southwest on Highway 90 where it intersects Bayou Folse; then moving northwest along Bayou Folse to GPS coordinates 29.709562, -90.632235, then moving north, northeast along an imaginary line until it intersects Highway 1, then moving southeast on Highway 1 until it reaches the point of beginning.

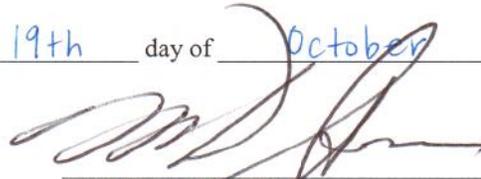
d. A declaration of quarantine for CC covering any other specific parishes or areas of this state shall be published in the official journal of the state and in the Louisiana Register.

5. - 6(i)(iv) ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 3:1652.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Agriculture, Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, LR 11:320 (April 1985); LR 42:

Signed and attested to this 19th day of October 2016.



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