



Inspection Procedures

Loose Bulk Mexican Citrus Shipments

The following information is to be used in the inspection of all loose bulk citrus shipments from Mexico.

Loose Bulk Citrus

Loose bulk citrus is fruit that is field picked and directly put into bins or truck beds. This fruit has not been “packed” or gone through any kind of processing line.



Figures 1 and 2 – Samples of bins that must be inspected



Figure 3 – Example of loose, bulk citrus by truck

Inspection Procedure

The rate of inspection for bulk shipments of citrus is 10%. Agriculture Specialists must inspect every 10th shipment using the following procedures.

- Empty the bins or trucks completely.
- Examine the bins or truck beds for hitchhikers
- Reject any shipments with significant leaf litter. The Asian Citrus Psyllid is a leaf roller insect and is primarily found on the foliage. If leaf litter is found inspect for larvae or eggs.
- Examine the fruit for signs of damage to include signs of Citrus Greening.
- Record the number of loose bulk citrus shipments inspected and report this number through the chain of command to CBP Headquarters on a weekly basis.

Pests of Significance

Target Pest



Diaphorina citri (Asian Citrus Psyllid)**

Other Pests



Anastrepha sp. (Fruit Fly)



Aleurocanthus woglumi (Citrus Blackfly)



Coccus viridis (Soft Green Scale)

** See the APHIS Significant Pest Bulletin

Commodities of Concern

- Lemons*
- Limes*
- Grapefruit
- Oranges
- Persian Limes*
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Additional Comments

- If a port of entry rejects a shipment for an actionable pest interception or because of significant leaf litter, contact CBP Headquarters immediately.
- If a commodity is on the NARP list then the NARP rate overrides this rate.