



**PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO
INFORMATION NOTICE**

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SUBJECT: Containerized Cargo Fumigation Facility to Cease Operations

PURPOSE:

To notify the importing trade community of the Area Port of San Francisco/Oakland of receipt of notice from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) pertaining to the imminent shutdown of the only remaining fumigation facility in the Oakland area.

BACKGROUND:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) work together to protect the Nation's agriculture resources by preventing the introduction of harmful pests and diseases into the U.S. To carry out this function, commodities which require treatment to mitigate the pest or disease risk are at times referred to a USDA-approved fumigation facility. Once fumigation is completed per USDA standards, the cargo can be released into the commerce of the U.S. Fumigation facilities are privately owned although approved and regulated by USDA and county agriculture.

CURRENT STATUS:

There is currently one fumigation facility in close proximity of the Port of Oakland. After June 30, 2014, this facility will cease all treatments for shipments subject to Condition of Entry Treatment. The operator of this facility will continue to allow fumigation services for shipments where pests are discovered as a result of a CBP examination, but eventually all fumigations at the current site will cease.

ACTION:

After June 30, 2014, all shipments arriving at the Port of Oakland requiring precautionary treatment as a condition of entry will require exportation or destruction for lack of an authorized treatment. Shipments will be rejected under the conditions derived from the Code of Federal Regulations, specifically 7CFR305.2 and 7CFR330.106 (a) authorizing treatment and emergency action including exportation. CBP will continue to work closely with USDA to keep the trade community apprised of developments related to the introduction of alternate fumigation facilities.

Questions should be directed to USDA-APHIS at (650) 876-9093.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ricardo Scheller".

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