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Note: This comment refers to Docket # APHIS 2008-0015

We have been growing citrus for 80 years and now into the third generation; we have fought water issues, fire threats, diseases and pest in the past and now presently. However, we have never encountered such limited shipping restrictions; we understand the seriousness of the ACP and have been treating our plants with the recommended chemicals both in drenching and spraying, with this on going program we feel no ACP pest could survive and that our plants are protected from any incoming ACP pest. Thus we feel the requirements that have been in place until now have been more than sufficient to keep ACP pest from spreading.

✓ This new interim rule doesn't change how the plants are treated or make the citrus being shipped or the states to which they are being shipped anymore protected or pest free; treatments, chemicals and time frames are the same. All this interim rule does is make the shipping and supplying of citrus to non-citrus growing areas and states virtually impossible because of the sealed door requirement. The people in the states will not be able to own and grow their own citrus. It is impossible for a 53' truck and trailer to make multiple drops of anywhere from 5 to 50 trees etc. with a sealed door only to be opened by an Ag inspector from the state they are delivered to and only during the days and hours that the Ag inspectors work; no trucking company can operate that way.

Until now this has been a good business for the citrus growers, trucking companies, sales reps, brokering agents, as well as the recipient nurseries or private parties on the other end. Overall it has been good business for a bad economy.

I am asking that this interim rule be revoked; so we can continue to supply the mid-west (who are non citrus growers to begin with) with citrus. This a national

I would appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Gordon Clausen