

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between the State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States of America on the Relevant Issue of the Sino-US Citrus Protocol

Considering that the March 20, 2000 protocol of citrus from Florida, Texas, Arizona, and California signed by the State Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine of the PRC and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the USA has been implemented, although the majority of citrus shipments matched the protocol requirement after CIQ inspection, there were still a few shipments that did not match the protocol requirement. This to a certain extent affected Sino-US citrus trade smoothly developing.

Regarding the resolution of problems of the implementation of the citrus protocol, in order to make US citrus meet Sino-US citrus protocol's requirement, keeping out the quarantine pest risk from imported US citrus, but still keep trade moving. CIQ and APHIS reviewed citrus protocol compliance during the Alaska meeting in the USA in July, 2000. We have deeply discussed the problem regarding the implementation process of the citrus protocol and how to resolve these problems and come to an understanding as following:

1. Both sides believed that CIQ SA and APHIS have a positive attitude toward the implementation of the Sino-US citrus protocol in order to ensure that the protocol goes smoothly we have paid a great amount and effective work on it. Both sides have exchanged information about some of the shipments that did not match the requirement during the implementation process of the protocol. The first shipment of US citrus did match protocol requirements, CIQ SA fully believed APHIS' explanation and its promises to take corrective actions. In response, CIQ took a flexible attitude to resolve this case. APHIS expressed its appreciation. CIQ SA then also took some measures to deal with other shipments which did not match the protocol; APHIS also expressed its understanding of this matter.
2. Both sides believe that to smoothly implement the Sino-US citrus protocol CIQ SA and APHIS must closely cooperate. Based on the protocol requirement that APHIS will take strict inspection and supervision and on each link, including orchards, packing facilities/storage and transportation, etc. In order to ensure that exported citrus meet the protocol requirement. CIQ will do the inspection according to the protocol requirements when the goods arrive in China, and will cut down the inspection time. If CIQ finds that some shipments that don't match the protocol requirements, CIQ will take actions according to the relevant protocol requirements, while at the same time informing APHIS of its actions.
3. Both sides believe, based on the citrus protocol, that the fruit only come from CIQ SA and APHIS approved states, counties, orchards and packing facilities. APHIS will take strict inspection and supervision to ensure that the above requirements are carried out that the phytosanitary certificate's information confirms these actions.
4. Both sides agree, APHIS will carefully check the citrus to determine whether it matches the protocol's requirements, as well as the correct packing boxes, and whether they have the

appropriate counties, groves or orchards, shippers/packers information on the boxes before APHIS issues the phytosanitary certificate.

The phytosanitary certificate must have clearly noted the production place (county), and also have the additional declaration : “The fruits accord with the relevant regulation of the People’s Republic of China and the Sino-US citrus protocol’s requirements that the citrus comes from approved counties and orchards and are packed by the following approved packing facilities \_\_\_\_\_name\_\_\_\_\_.”

5. Both sides agree to review the former list of approved shippers and packing houses which have been approved by CIQ SA and APHIS, to remove the zip code and street address, and to leave the name of the packing facility, county and state. APHIS will provide this list to CIQ SA as soon as possible. CIQ SA will confirm it and inform APHIS to implement it.

Both sides agree that before October 15, 2000 according to the first paragraph of Article 4 of the Citrus Protocol, APHIS and CIQ SA will jointly study the appropriate size of the quarantine zone for Mediterranean Fruit Fly and Mexican Fruit Fly.

This Memorandum of Understanding is done in duplicate in Chinese and English. Both texts being equally authentic. This MOU is signed in Fairbanks, Alaska ,USA on July 27, 2000.

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