

# LBAM Inspection Protocol for Produce Inspected at a Cooler/Processor/Packing Facility

## 1. Regulatory Requirements

A. Fruits and vegetables growing within the State Interior Quarantine must meet the following conditions:

1. Trapping for LBAM must occur at an approved detection level and traps must be inspected by an inspector biweekly; and
2. Each production site/cooler/processor/packing facility must be inspected at least once by an inspector within 30 days prior to the movement of regulated articles and found free of LBAM.

## 2. Inspection Protocol for Produce at a Cooler/Processing/Packing Facility

B. Inspections will be conducted at coolers/processing facilities, when practical.

1. If LBAM Program Team Leaders are unable to determine the origin of the commodity to be inspected, that shipment will be rejected.
2. Only produce harvested by growers from fields within the quarantine boundary and under a Compliance Agreement will be inspected.
3. When applicable, inspections for LBAM will be conducted at the cooler/processor/packing facility.
4. Only that produce delivered while inspectors are present will be inspected.
5. Minimum inspection rate for each quarantined growing field will be once every 30 days. Visits to each cooler/processing facility will continue until all fields in production within the quarantine area have been inspected for the applicable time period.
6. Inspectors will randomly sample a minimum of 2% from each shipment of produce that arrives from a quarantined field/grower.
7. Each load inspected at the cooling/processing facility will be noted on a daily inspection sheet, along with inspection results, and submitted to the LBAM Program Commodities Director, or their designee, by the LBAM Program Team Leader.

C. Inspection Results

1. If no suspect LBAM are found, that lot is allowed into the cooler/processing facility, and all shipments from that particular growing field, to the cooler/processing facility are certified free from LBAM for the next 30 days and will not need to be re-inspected during that time. **Each** field within the quarantine area will be cleared as a separate entity.
2. If a single LBAM suspect is found during initial inspection follow the Cooler / Commodity Hold procedure below.



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Cooler / Commodity Hold Procedure

- 1) During a regulatory inspection, *all* LBAM suspects collected are processed and submitted to the CDFA PPDB lab in Sacramento for identification and analysis.
  - At this time, the initial Lot\* from which the suspect was collected and the associated Field of Origin are placed under a quarantine Hold pending suspect identification.
  - All remaining harvested product from the Field of Origin will also be placed on Hold.
- 2) Until the suspect LBAM identification is completed by the laboratory the following apply
  - Options for the Lots under quarantine Hold are as follows:
    1. Wait for identification results. If determined non-target field is released and Product is free to move.
    2. Product goes to Processing (any procedures making all life stages of LBAM unviable, ex. Frozen, Jam).
    3. Sell product within the State Interior Quarantine (SIQ)
    4. Destroy Product making all life stages of LBAM unviable.
  - Options for the Field of Origin under quarantine Hold pending suspect identification is as follows:
    1. Wait for identification results. If determined non-target field is released and Product is free to move.
    2. Pre-emptive Regulatory Treatment\*\* (refer to attached list of Approved Treatments for available pesticide options).
      - All aspects (mixing and application) of the treatment must be monitored by LBAM Program staff
    3. Harvesting from the field can continue, but ALL harvested material is considered on hold and subject to options for Lots under quarantine Hold listed above.
- 3) If the laboratory determines the suspect LBAM is non-target, the Hold on the Lot and Field will immediately be released and Product is clear to move.
- 4) If the laboratory determines the suspect is LBAM
  - Options for the Field of Origin
    1. A Regulatory Treatment is required within 7 days plus any rain days. All aspects (mixing and application) of the treatment must be monitored by LBAM Program staff.
    2. A clean 100% re-inspection is required to release the field.
  - Options for infested Lots\*\*\* are as follows:
    1. Product goes to Processing
    2. Destroy Product
    3. Sell product within the State Interior Quarantine (SIQ)

\* Lot: A shipment of product from the Field of Origin.

\*\* This will ONLY release the Field of Origin, not the Lot.

\*\*\* This includes any product harvested after suspect find and prior to release of Field.

30 day inspection -  
2% of total crop

\*The inspection must be completed; submit ALL suspects collected during 2% inspection

During a minimum 2% inspection\* a suspect is found

The Lot and Field of Origin are placed on hold (as well as any remaining product yet to arrive pending suspect identification)

Lot: A shipment of product from the field of origin

Options while suspect is pending

Options for LOT:  
1. Wait for results  
2. Send to Processing  
3. Destroy  
4. Move within the SIQ

Options for FIELD:  
1. Wait for results  
2. Pre-emptive Regulatory Treatment, this will only release the field; NOT the Lot held at the cooler  
3. Send to Processing  
4. Move within the SIQ

Suspect Identified

C Rating

A Rating

All fruit is clear to move from Lot AND Field

Options for LOT:  
1. Destroy  
2. Send to Processing (\*\*includes fruit picked after suspect was found and prior to treatment and release of the field)  
3. Move within the SIQ  
  
Options for FIELD:  
1. Treatment is required (it is encouraged to treat for one lifecycle)  
2. Clean post treatment (100%) inspection required to release the field  
3. Move within the SIQ  
4. Send to Processing