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Amended

Permit No. QC 396

**MASTER PERMIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF
NURSERY STOCK FROM FLORIDA TO CALIFORNIA**

Under authority of Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits) and Section 3271 (Burrowing and Reniform Nematode Exterior Quarantine), Title 3, California Code of Regulations, and Section 403 of the Food and Agricultural Code (The Department Shall Prevent The Introduction of Injurious Pests), permission is granted to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to issue compliance agreements to Florida firms which authorize those firms to use a FDACS Burrowing and Reniform Nematode Certificate for shipments of nursery stock to California. Florida firms not entering into a compliance agreement may ship nursery stock to California when the shipment or lot is accompanied by an original certificate issued by an authorized FDACS official establishing that all material in the shipment or lot meets the requirements of Section 3271, Burrowing and Reniform Nematode Exterior Quarantine, and all other applicable quarantine laws.

The following conditions shall be met:

1. Only firms that have signed a compliance agreement with the FDACS will be authorized to ship nursery stock under this permit. The shipper must have signed the compliance agreement before FDACS authorizes the possession of a FDACS Burrowing and Reniform Nematode (BRN) Certificate for certifying plant material to California destinations. To be authorized to ship under this permit:
 - A. Nursery owner or a responsible party specifically designated by the owner, shall enter into the compliance agreement which is applicable to nurseries (Appendix A).
 - B. Stock dealers (defined as those shippers which do not produce the plant material but do physically possess plant material destined to California) must be registered with FDACS, and shall be placed under the compliance agreement covering stock dealers (Appendix B).
 - C. Plant brokers and agents (defined as those shippers which buy and sell from producing nurseries, generally on commission, and never take physical possession of any plant material) must be registered with FDACS, and shall be placed under a compliance agreement for those businesses (Appendix C).
2. The FDACS shall reassess and update the status of all Florida firms every twelve months. This reassessment will comprise of confirming those Florida firms that continue under compliance agreements to qualify as stock dealers, plant brokers and agents, and nurseries.
3. FDACS must ascertain that nurseries under same ownership with the same location or with a nearby location maintain separate inventories and certifications, and under no circumstance