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SECY. OF STATE

PLANT PEST ORDER

WHEREAS: The Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly), Ceratitis capitata, is now infesting certain areas of California and is capable of being introduced into West Virginia and into the other agricultural areas of the Southeast, and;

WHEREAS: The Medfly is a highly injurious pest of many fruits including apples and peaches, both widely cultivated in West Virginia, and;

WHEREAS: The Southern Plant Board in emergency session in Atlanta, Georgia, July 10, 1981, recognized the seriousness of having this pest introduced into the southeastern United States and urged the United States Department of Agriculture to impose a quarantine on the entire state of California on account of this pest in order to protect the uninfested regions in the United States, and;

WHEREAS: The United States Department of Agriculture has not imposed such a quarantine to protect the uninfested areas of the state, now,

THEREFORE: I, Gus R. Douglass, Agriculture Commissioner of West Virginia, under authority of the Code of West Virginia, Article 12, Section 19(6), do hereby issue this Plant Pest Order to regulate the movement into and within West Virginia of all fruits and other plant material capable of harboring the Mediterranean fruit fly, Ceratitis capitata, originating from or being shipped from the state of California.

1. In order to prevent the introduction of the Medfly into West Virginia the following fruits from California are regulated: grapefruit, lemons, oranges, tangerines, quince, persimmons, loquat, kumquat, figs, guava, cherry, plum, apple, apricot, peach, pears, nectarines, and any other fruits capable of harboring any life stage of the Medfly.

2. Fruits capable of harboring any life stage of the Medfly from California may enter West Virginia only providing that one of the following conditions have been complied with:


A. Fruits originating from parts of California not under federal or state quarantines for Medfly may enter West Virginia provided they are accompanied by a Certificate of Origin certifying that the area in which the fruits were grown is known to be free of Medfly as determined by standard survey using traps suitably baited for recovery of the Medfly.

B. In all other cases the fruit must bear a certification that they have been fumigated with ethylene dibromide, according to USDA, APHIS, PPQ Manual directions.

3. Fruits or other commodities originating in California and entering West Virginia which do not bear certifications as required above will be confiscated and destroyed or returned to the shipper at their expense.

This ORDER becomes effective July 20, 1981.

signed


Gus R. Douglass, Agriculture
Commissioner, West Virginia