

5BER22-4 – Exposed Citrus Nursery Stock

(1) Any citrus nursery stock within a greenhouse that was damaged due to the impact of Hurricane Ian or otherwise exposed shall be moved from the certified greenhouse into a non-certified structure within the permitted nursery or voluntarily destroyed by the nursery by December 26, 2022. All citrus nursery stock moved into a non-certified structure must be tracked by the nursery and the tracking records shall be made available to the Department upon request.

(2) Any citrus nursery stock moved into a non-certified structure within the permitted nursery will be exempt from compliance with Rule Chapter 5B-62, F.A.C., until August 30, 2023, at which time full compliance will be required.

(3) All citrus nursery stock sold or provided to citrus growers shall be accompanied by a written notice that the citrus nursery stock may have been exposed to citrus diseases due to Hurricane Ian.

(4) Repaired certified citrus nursery greenhouses that were damaged due to Hurricane Ian shall be cleaned and sanitized as required by Rule Chapter 5B-62, F.A.C. Upon inspection and approval by the Department, the citrus nursery may start new citrus nursery stock plantings within the greenhouse that will be subject to the full requirements of Rule Chapter 5B-62, F.A.C.

(5) Scion houses that were compromised due to the hurricane are encouraged to be restarted from Foundation material as soon as possible. However, recognizing the shortage that destroying this material could cause, the Division will require testing quarterly and continuous inspection every 30 days of these trees for 1 year beginning September 30, 2022.

Rulemaking Authority 570.07(23), 581.031(1), (3), 581.1843(3) FS. Law Implemented 570.07(2), (13), 581.031(1), (14), (17), 581.1843, FS. History–New 9/27/2022.

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A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.