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To: All County Agricultural Commissioners

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From: Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services

Subject: Compliance Agreement Updates for the Snail-Free Master Permit Program

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has established the Snail-Free Master Permit (SFMP) Program for nurseries shipping nursery stock destined to Canada and states with phytophagous snail requirements. To participate, a nursery must have a signed compliance agreement with the local County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

The CDFA Interior Pest Exclusion Program has made the following updates to the SFMP compliance agreements for 2025:

- The **Snail-Free Nursery compliance agreement** and the **Snail-Free Greenhouse/Nursery Holding Area compliance agreement** have been updated to include an expiration date of December 31 of each year and to clarify cost recovery requirements for the county agricultural commissioner.
- The **Cut Flowers, Cut Greens, and Herbs for Consumption compliance agreement** has been reintroduced for domestic nursery stock shipments.

Compliance Agreement Submission and Expiration Date

Counties must submit signed compliance agreements to james.lawrence@cdfa.ca.gov. Nurseries that have signed a compliance agreement will be placed on a list of approved shippers. **The transition period for the new SFMP compliance agreements will be until March 3, 2025.**

Compliance agreement templates, and list of approved shippers can be found on the PHPPS Extranet (http://phpps.cdfa.ca.gov/user/frmLogon2.asp) → Programs → Interior.

The agreements must be renewed each year and expire on December 31. A fee of $125.00 will be assessed for master permit participants each calendar year (see Phytosanitary Advisory No. 01-2024).

Note: Regardless of shipping frequency, all nurseries sending nursery stock shipments to Canada must be on the SFMP approved shippers list.

For questions regarding this advisory, please contact Jim Lawrence by email at james.lawrence@cdfa.ca.gov or by phone at (760) 485-4499.