USDA allows limited movement of nursery plants from citrus quarantine areas

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has published an interim rule that would allow limited interstate movement of nursery stock from certain quarantined areas, providing several provisions are first met.

To be eligible, the plant material must have been grown in a protected facility, such as a greenhouse.

The interim rule applies to areas quarantined for citrus canker, citrus greening and/or the Asian citrus psyllid, according to a news release.

The rule applies to all members of the Rutaceae family, which includes citrus.

The interim rule would not override California law, which prohibits the shipment of certain plant materials from Florida.

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