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DOCUMENT: Oranges and Grapefruit Market Inspection Instructions for Citrus Grown in Texas and States Other Than Florida, California and Arizona; Oranges and Grapefruit Shipping Point Inspection Instructions for Citrus Grown in Texas and States Other Than Florida, California and Arizona; Florida Citrus Shipping Point and Market Inspection Instructions; Citrus California and Arizona Shipping Point and Market Inspection Instructions.

REMARKS: The following guidance is being issued to further set Division policy when inspecting varieties of citrus. This PATCH supersedes Directive FPB-618 Certifying Various Varieties of Citrus, and Directive FPB 96-2. To maintain uniformity of inspection procedures and results, the Division policy for certifying varieties of citrus is as follows: Chart headings on page 2 indicate how the fruit will be certified and what standard it will be certified under. This list is not inclusive. Whenever a new variety is encountered it will be classified as to what the fruit most closely resembles. Tangerines are generally smaller than oranges, and the rind and fruit sections are loosely adherent. Therefore, when fruit is small and the rind and fruit sections are loosely adherent, the fruit will be inspected based on the tangerine standards. If the fruit does not meet these criteria, it will be inspected based upon the orange standards. Cartons marked mandarin orange may fall into different categories listed on page 2, depending on variety. Grapefruit are generally easier to identify.

For import requirement certification at port of entry use the following:

Table with 2 columns: Fruit Type and U.S. Standards. Rows include Grapefruit, Navel oranges, and Oranges other than Navel.

Inspections requested for non-domestic (imported) fruit other than at port of entry or when import requirements are not in effect, the fruit shall be inspected based on the standards that the fruit most closely resembles in regard to texture, thickness of skin, discoloration and scarring. If a quality and condition inspection is requested, the maturity standards for the U.S. Standards being used will apply.

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Report as <b>Oranges</b> in the product heading. Apply the U.S. Standards for Oranges (based on the origin of the fruit).		
Ambersweet	Lamb's Late	Rhodes Red
Blood (Sanguina)	Lue Gim Gongs	Ruby
Boone's Early	Navel	Seedling
Conner's Seedless	Parson Brown	Star Calyx
Hamlin	Pineapple	Valencia
Homosassa	Pope Summer	Walker's Early
Hurds	Queen	Temple (Royal Mandarin)
Jaffa	Red Navel	(Except Florida)*
Report as <b>Tangelos</b> in the product heading. Apply the U.S. Standards for Oranges (based on the origin of the fruit).		
Minneola	Orlando	
Report as <b>Tangerines</b> in the product heading. Apply the U.S. Standards for Tangerines (based on the origin of the fruit).		
Algerian	Orri	
Autumn Honey	Robinson	
Dancy	Roe	
Fairchild	Sunburst	
Fallglo	US Early Pride	
Honey Tangerine (Honey Mandarin or Murcott)		
Report as <b>Citrus Fruit</b> in the product heading. Apply the U.S. Standards for Oranges (based on the origin of the fruit).		
Emerald	Page	
K-Early	Satsumas	
King Oranges	Seminole	
Lee	Sour Oranges	
Report as <b>Citrus Fruit</b> in the product heading. Apply the U.S. Standards for Tangerines (based on the origin of the fruit).		
Clementines	Osceola	
Kara	Ponkan	
Kinnow	Wilking	
Nova		
Report as <b>Citrus Fruit</b> in the product heading. No Established U.S. Grade.		
Homli	Pummelo (Pomelo)	
Melogold	Ugli	
Oroblanco		
*Other		
For "Temple (Royal Mandarin)" citrus fruit grown in Florida only, also known as Royal Tangerine, report as Citrus Fruit in the product heading and apply the Florida Tangerine standard.		

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