

It's the Law!

Failure to comply with California Laws and Regulations pertaining to the selling and reselling of fruits and vegetables may result in confiscation of product and/or fines of up to \$1000.00 for each violation depending on the severity.



OUR MISSION

"To provide professional services that support and contribute to a safe, abundant, quality food supply; environmentally sound agricultural practices; and an equitable marketplace for California Agriculture."

Please help keep illegally obtained produce out of the marketplace by providing Proof of Ownership



You may access and review the laws and regulations that pertain to fruits and vegetables through the web:

<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov> - Laws & Regs

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Fresh Produce Container Labeling Proof of Ownership Requirements

When Transporting and Selling Fruits

Nuts and Vegetables at

Wholesale Markets • Flea Markets

Swap Meets • Roadside Stands

Proof of Ownership

California Food and Agricultural Code
Sections 861-866

25 LBS OR MORE OF FRUITS NUTS OR VEGETABLES IN POSSESSION REQUIRES PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

Persons who sell Commodities for resale shall provide buyers or transporters a record of Proof of Ownership. Every person buying produce for resale shall obtain from previous buyer a record of Proof of Ownership.


Record Shall Include

Name-Address-Phone Number
Signature of Seller
Name-Address-Phone Number of
Purchaser
Common Name of Commodity
Quantity Sold
Date of Transaction

Acceptable Proof

Bill of Lading
Bill of Sale
Certified Producers
Certificate only at CFM or
point of production

Proof of Ownership Records shall be retained by the buyer and seller for a period of 60 days after delivery.



ABC Produce Company
1234 R Street
Merced, CA 93622
(209) 456-1234
Receipt No. 0023

SOLD BY	<i>Joe Smith</i>	DATE	August 4, 2011
NAME	John Jones	(209) 239-2345	
ADDRESS	567 S. I Street Merced, CA 93622		
CASH	CHARGE	C.O.D.	SN/ACCT
10	ctns	Valencia Oranges	
2	bins	Watermelons	

Thank You

Standard Containers

The Following Commodities have Standard Container Requirements

Apples-Apricots-Artichokes-Avocados-Cabbage
Cantaloupe-Cauliflower-Celery-Cherries-Citrus
Grapes-Lettuce-Melons-Nectarines-Peaches
Plums-Fresh Prunes-Tomatoes

For a complete listing of the containers and dimensions refer to California Code of Regulations Title 3, Article 4, Section 1380.19.

The Commodities listed above shall not be packed or placed into Non-Standard Containers including "Banana Boxes" transported to and offered for sale at Swap Meets/Flea Markets or Roadside Stands.



Reused Container Requirements

Persons reusing containers are required to **Obliterate All Inapplicable Markings** and replace with appropriate markings; IRQ Responsibility Statement is of the person responsible for placing the reused containers back in the channels of trade

Inapplicable Markings Include:
Old Brands • Trade Marks • Grade Designations
Responsibility Statements • Identity Statements

Marking Requirements

- Identity Statement
- Responsibility Statement
- Quantity Statement

Identity: Common Name of Commodity

Responsibility: Name & Address including Zip Code

Quantity: Net Weight Measure or Count

Abbreviation of Identity is Not Allowed

All Markings Must Be Legible

Some Commodities have Additional Marking Requirements such as Variety or Size
Refer to California Code of Regulations
Title 3, Article 7 - Article 43

There are some Marking and Container exemptions extended to Producers selling produce at or near the point of production or at a Certified Farmers Market

Refer to California Food and Agricultural Code
Section 47002

THERE ARE **NO STANDARD CONTAINER OR MARKING EXEMPTIONS** FOR PRODUCE BEING TRANSPORTED TO AND OFFERED FOR SALE OR RESALE AT **ROADSIDE STANDS, SWAP MEETS, WHOLESALE MARKETS OR FLEA MARKETS**

Consumer Containers

Most Commodities
Container Size: 15lbs. or less
If weighed at point of sale-does not require IRQ
If sold as a unit-must have IRQ

Refer to California Code of Regulations
Title 4, Division 9, Chapter 10, Article 2