FLORIDA RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW

There are nearly 2000 chemicals on the Florida Substance List, which is the list of chemicals to be considered by the Florida Right-To-Know Law, Chapter 442 of the Florida Statutes. You may obtain a copy of the law and list by calling the Toxic Substances Information Center (800) 367-4378.

Florida citrus packers have only a few of these chemicals in or near the packinghouses. In order to reduce the number of chemicals to consider, the ones you might have are listed below, and each of you will have only a few of them.

It should be noted that citrus packers may be exempt from most or all of these chemicals.

The statute specifies in 442.103.4(h) "Substances or mixtures which may be toxic but which are labeled pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended; the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended; and the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976" are exempt from this law.

Further, the Florida Substance List includes Chapter 38F-41, Florida Administrative Code which states that additional exclusions may be found in 38F-41.04(3)(d) "Fossil fuels in fuel tanks, engines, and other operating systems of vehicles where the substances are present only in amounts and forms substantially equivalent to the amounts and forms generally available to consumers." and (e) "Fossil fuels used for heating, or power generation purposes, such that employees are not exposed to fumes or combustion by-products."
The Florida Right-To-Know Law requires extensive record keeping and employee education and training. It also provides for civil penalty for violation of the act. Florida citrus packers have an excellent record of concern for employees and for safety. This law emphasizes the need for employee awareness and training to maintain safe conditions.

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BOOK REVIEW

Postharvest Technology of Horticultural Crops is a new (1985) book written by faculty at the University of California, Davis. This 192 page paperback 8-1/2 x 11 inch book includes over 100 commodities in a thorough 8 page index. Twenty-seven high quality color photographs are included in the chapter on postharvest diseases.

The topics covered in 30 chapters are too numerous to mention in this brief review. They do include chapters on general topics such as packaging, storage, ethylene and transportation as well as commodity groups such as vegetables, grapes, subtropical fruits and ornamentals.

This reviewer has found occasion to read and study the material in this book. Extensive figures and tables complement the discussion found in the text. There is much to be learned from Postharvest Technology of Horticultural Crops.

This book will be valuable to both students and the postharvest horticulture industry. It includes current scientific information presented in an easily understandable format and applied to commercial situations. See Available Publications for information on ordering.

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"Irradiated Foods" by Kathleen A. Meister, American Council on Science and Health. July, 1985. 34 pages. U. S. residents include self-addressed, stamped (39 cent postage), business-size (#10) envelope to obtain single copy. People with overseas requests are encouraged to include a contribution to cover postage.

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