

# DECCO IBÉRICA Post-Cosecha, S.A.

## Technical Circular nº 3

2008/2009 Citrus Season

### NAVELINE Variety: WATER STAIN

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In the Technical Circular No. 6 of last season, sent on Nov. 5, 2007, we referred to the appearance of stains on the Naveline variety, when they are almost ready for selling in the degreening process usually in the 2nd half of November.

This year, due to the weather in the Valencian Community, we have already detected the appearance of this physiopathology (see photo) in some packing-houses that have already harvested this variety in the South of Valencia where the most torrential rain fell.

The "water stain" caused by excessive rain or constant humidity for several days, is accentuated in the degreening period. The breakage of the oil glands produces scars on the skin of the fruit making it unsaleable.

In those fields that have suffered significant flooding, the recommendation for this campaign is to leave fruit to change colour without degreening for later processing. Also, in this way, trees will lose the fruit damaged by excess water.

**Do not harvest** the fruit that has been in contact with the ground, which has already fallen or comes off easily when touched.

If you have any enquiries regarding this subject, please contact our Technician in your area or send an e-mail to [decco@decco-web.com](mailto:decco@decco-web.com)

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