

TENNESSEE

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Nursery stock shall include all plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, sod, vegetable plants, vines, cuttings, grafts, scions, and buds grown or kept for distribution or sale on a commercial basis.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Each bundle package or container of nursery stock shipped or transported into Tennessee must be accompanied by a certificate tag, label, or stamp issued by the appropriate regulatory agency of the state of origin, certifying that the nursery stock to which it is attached has been appropriately inspected and found to be apparently free of insects and plant diseases.

QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

No strawberry plants shall be sold, offered, stored, or held for sale, or transported within or into the State of Tennessee unless they shall have been certified as being essentially free of insect pests and plant diseases by a legally constituted agency designated for such purpose in the state, other states, territories, or counties. Strawberry plants sold, offered for sale or stored for subsequent sale, traded, delivered, distributed, shipped, or offered for shipment, shall bear on each bundle of plants a tag showing the certificate number and or the grower name and address and the variety of such plants.

TURFGRASS

No turfgrass sod shall be sold, offered, stored or held for sale, or transported within or into the State of Tennessee unless such stock shall have been certified as being essentially free of injurious plant pests, diseases, weeds, and mixtures of other grasses by a legally constituted agency designated for such purposes in the state, other states territories or countries. Uncertified turfgrass sod may be allowed to be moved within the state under a permit issued by the legally constituted agency designated for such purposes.

VEGETABLE PLANT CERTIFICATION

No vegetable plants shall be sold, (tomato, pepper, cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower) offered for sale, held for sale, or transported into or within the State of Tennessee unless they have been certified as being essentially free of insect pests and plant diseases and true to name by the state authority or certified by a legally constituted agency designated for such purpose in other states, territories or countries. All vegetable plants (tomato, pepper, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower) shipped, sold, delivered or transported for sale or delivery in this state shall have affixed to each container a tag which shall bear a copy of the valid certificate covering such plants.

IRISH POTATOES AND SWEET POTATO CERTIFICATION

Irish potato and sweet potato certification is by request, although potatoes offered stored or held for sale, or transported within the state shall not bear an invalid certification.

BROWN GARDEN SNAIL QUARANTINE

PEST: Brown Garden Snail, *Helix aspersa* Muller

STATES REGULATED: AZ, CA, any other state with a known infestation of brown garden snail or other injurious phytophagous snails.

MATERIALS REGULATED: The brown garden snail in any stage of development, nursery stock, other plants, plant material and articles or things capable of transporting the brown garden snail.

RESTRICTIONS: (1) Regulated materials must be accompanied by a certificate of quarantine compliance issued by and bearing the signature of an authorized inspector of the state of origin. The certificate will verify freedom from or that the commodities have been properly treated as recommended in the USDA, APHIS, PPQ Treatment Manual. (2) Nurseries shipping regulated material into Tennessee, which are rejected, will be required to ship regulated materials from Tennessee or be destroyed. Multiple violations would prevent a nursery from moving plants and materials into Tennessee until such time as they can meet requirements.

BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION RULE

PEST: Boll Weevil, *Anthonomus grandis*

STATE REGULATED: All states or portions thereof infested with boll weevil.

MATERIALS REGULATED: The boll weevil, *Anthonomus grandis* Boheman, in any living stage of development; Gin Trash; Seed Cotton; Cotton Plants, bolls; Used cotton equipment; any other products, articles, means of conveyance, or any item whatsoever which is determined by the Commissioner to present a hazard in the spread of the boll weevil, and the person in possession of such item has been so notified.

RESTRICTIONS: a) Regulated items moving from a regulated area into or through the elimination area of the State of Tennessee shall be accompanied by a certificate or permit issued by an authorized regulatory official in the state where such article originated.

b) Regulated articles originating outside a regulated area may be moved into or through the elimination area of the State of Tennessee without a permit, if accompanied by documentation of their point of origin and if, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, such articles have been adequately protected from boll weevil infestation during movement through all regulated areas.

CAMELLIA FLOWER BLIGHT QUARANTINE

PEST: Camellia Flower Blight, *Sclerotinia camelliae*

STATE REGULATED: CA, GA, LA, NC, OR, VA and all other states that do not maintain restriction against the movement of restricted material from designated infested states of areas into their respective states.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Balled and potted camellia plants and cut camellia flowers may not be moved into Tennessee from the infested areas. Plants free from soil showing no trace of color, when accompanied by certificate issued by a duly authorized official of the state of origin may be moved into the state.

IMPORTED FIRE ANT QUARANTINE

PEST: Imported Fire Ant, *Solenopsis richteri* Forel, and *S. invicta* Boren

STATES REGULATED: AR, CA, FL, GA, LA, NM, MS, NC, OK, PR, SC, TN, TX

MATERIALS REGULATED: Imported fire ant in any life stage, soil, compost, decomposed manure, humus, mulch, peat, plants with roots with soil attached, hay, straw, used mechanized soil moving equipment and any other means of conveyance.

RESTRICTIONS: Certification guidelines are those listed in the USDA, APHIS, PPQ Imported Fire Ant Program manual.

NOTE: See Also Federal Imported Fire Ant Quarantine & <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/regulate/plants/>.

JAPANESE BEETLE QUARANTINE

PEST: Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica* Newman

STATES REGULATED: All of CT, DE, DC, GA, IL, IN, KY, ME, MD, MI, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV; portions of AL, MO, Quebec and Ontario, Canada.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Japanese beetle in any living stage, soil, means of conveyance, earth moving and handling equipment and other articles and products of any character whatsoever would constitute a hazard for movement of Japanese beetle.

RESTRICTIONS: (1) Certificate or permit attached to the container or shipping document must accompany regulated materials shipped from a regulated area. (2) Regulated materials originating outside the regulated area can move without a certificate, if clearly labeled and protected from introduction when moving through regulated area. Go to <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/regulate/plants/> to see what counties are being regulated in Tennessee.

PLANT PEST RULE

The following plants are to be considered pest plants and can not be allowed to enter into the state or be propagated and grown in the State of Tennessee:

Lythrum salicaria, *Lythrum Virgatum* and related cultivars, Purple Loosetrife
Solanum viarum, Tropical Soda Apple

PINE SHOOT BEETLE QUARANTINE

PEST: Pine shoot beetle, *Tomicus piniperda* (L.)

STATES REGULATED: A portion of IL, IN, MI, NY, OH, and PA.

MATERIALS REGULATED: The Pine Shoot Beetle in any living stage, means of conveyance products and articles of any character whatsoever the movement of which is regulated by this quarantine. Plants of the genus *Pinus* spp. whether balled and burlapped or cut live for use as Christmas trees. Timber with bark intact from *Pinus* spp. spruce, *Picea* spp. fir and abies.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles originating outside a regulated area may be moved without a certificate or permit provided the point of origin is clearly indicated on the shipping document accompanying the regulated articles provided; and regulated articles moving through the infested area are protected from the beetle. Unless exempted a certificate or permit must accompany the movement of regulated articles from regulated area by an authorized person (1) When in the judgment of the inspector, they have not been

exposed to infestation. (2) When they have been examined by the inspector and found to be free of infestation. (3) When they have been treated to destroy infestations under the supervision of the inspector and in accordance with methods selected by him from procedures authorized by the Director of the Division of Plant Industries and known to be effective under conditions in which applied. (4) When grown, produced, manufactured or handled in such manner that in the judgment of the inspector, no infestation would be transmitted thereby.

NOTE: This quarantine is superseded by Federal Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine.

SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE QUARANTINE

PEST: Soybean Cyst Nematode, *Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe

STATES REGULATED: Portions of AL, AR, DE, FL, GA, IL, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MS, MO, NJ, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Soybean Cyst Nematode in any living state, soil, nursery stock and other plants with roots attached, root crops, soybeans, plant litter, used harvesting machinery, used construction equipment, used farm packaging materials.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles may be moved under certificate or limited permit under the following conditions: (1) When in the judgment of the inspector they have not been exposed to the nematode, when grown, produced, manufactured, stored, or handled in such manner no infestation would be transmitted. Regulated products or material from an infested area must be accompanied by a valid certificate or permit issued by an authorized inspector indicating freedom of the Soybean Cyst Nematode.

SWEET POTATO WEEVIL QUARANTINE

PEST: Sweet potato weevil, *Cylas formicaris elegantulus* Summers

STATES REGULATED: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, TX

MATERIALS REGULATED: Sweet potato weevil in any living stage, sweet potato, *Ipomoea batatas* (L) Lam., and the genera *Ipomoea* and *Convolvulus*, any roots, plants, vines, cuttings, slips, draws and other vegetatively propagated parts, or other plants which may be hosts of the sweet potato weevil.

RESTRICTIONS: Sweet potatoes from regulated area must be accompanied by a certificate issued by authorized inspector indicating sweet potatoes have not been exposed to sweet potato weevil, have been treated by known methods to destroy the sweet potato weevil or grown, produced, stored or handled in such manner no infestation would be transmitted.