

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: Correction/Clarification: March 29, 2007, Gladiolus Rust SPRO

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

This notice is being sent to correct a discrepancy on the March 29, 2007, SPRO letter on an outbreak of gladiolus rust in Florida and provide additional information about this pest's status in accordance with International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards.

Positive confirmation of gladiolus rust from gladiolus samples collected from two commercial production facilities in Manatee and Hendry Counties, Florida, was made through the Plant Protection and Quarantine's (PPQ) National Identification Service. It was incorrectly reported in the previous SPRO letter that PPQ's National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory made the positive confirmations.

Under IPPC standards, gladiolus rust is considered to be a pest that is transient: actionable and under eradication in the United States.

If you would like additional information regarding this Federal regulatory program, please contact Staff Officer Dr. Anwar Rizvi at (301) 734-4313.

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