

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION  
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SUBJECT: *Phytophthora ramorum* (ramorum blight, ramorum dieback, sudden oak death):  
Advance Notification for Shipping *P. ramorum* Host Nursery Stock

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective June 21, 2010, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will require persons moving nursery stock from quarantine or regulated areas interstate to provide written notification to the destination states. Advance notification is necessary to allow states receiving *P. ramorum* host nursery stock to assign and prioritize resources, assure rapid response, and provide direct traceability for any nursery stock (as defined under 7 CFR 301.92-2) known to be positive for *P. ramorum*.

The current domestic quarantine regulations for *P. ramorum* authorize the interstate movement of nursery stock from *P. ramorum* quarantine or regulated areas without prior notification to the receiving states. Currently, when host nursery stock is found positive for *P. ramorum*, considerable time is spent gathering traceability information, thereby delaying the ability of State and Federal officials to respond rapidly.

The attached Federal Order details the requirements for nurseries from quarantine or regulated areas to ship interstate. Specifically, nurseries must provide to their respective State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) advance notification of outgoing shipments by mail, facsimile, or email to the SPRO at the time of shipment. The pre-notification requirement may be satisfied by providing a bill of sale, manifest, or other forms of documentation that includes the following information: name, telephone number, and address of the consignee; name, telephone number, and address of the shipper; plant name, number of each plant species/variety shipped; and mode of transportation (air, courier, ground). Commodities shipped without providing prior notification to the destined state(s) may be returned to their point of origin or destroyed at the expense of the owner. The contact information of the SPRO in various states can be accessed on <http://www.nationalplantboard.org/member/index.html>.

For more information on this or the Federal *P. ramorum* regulatory program, you may contact the National *P. ramorum* Program Manager, Prakash K. Hebbar, at (301) 734-5717.

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**FEDERAL DOMESTIC QUARANTINE ORDER**  
***Phytophthora ramorum* 7 CFR 301.92**  
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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the spread of the harmful plant diseases caused by *P. ramorum*, through regulatory authority pursuant to the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

The current domestic quarantine regulations for *P. ramorum* located in 7 CFR Part 301.92 authorize the interstate movement of nursery stock from *P. ramorum* quarantined or regulated areas without prior notification to the receiving states. At present, when host nursery stock is found positive for *P. ramorum*, considerable time is spent gathering traceability information thereby, delaying the ability of State and Federal officials to respond rapidly.

The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) considers it necessary, in order to prevent the spread and dissemination of *P. ramorum*, to require persons moving nursery stock from quarantined or regulated areas interstate pursuant to 7 CFR 301.92 et seq. to provide written notification to the destination states.

This Federal Order will allow states receiving *P. ramorum* host nursery stock to assign and prioritize resources, assure rapid response and provide direct traceability for any nursery stock (as defined under 7 CFR 301.92-2) known to be positive for *P. ramorum*.

**Effective June 21, 2010**, nurseries from quarantined or regulated areas shipping interstate pursuant to 7 CFR 301.92, must provide advance notification of outgoing shipments by mail, facsimile, or email to the State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) at the time of shipment. The pre-notification requirement may be satisfied by providing a bill of sale, manifest, or other forms of documentation that includes the following information: name, telephone number and address of the consignee; name, telephone number and address of the shipper; plant name, number of each plant species/variety shipped; and mode of transportation (air, courier, ground). Commodities shipped without providing prior notification to the destination states may be returned to their point of origin or destroyed at the expense of the owner. The contact information of the SPRO in various states can be accessed on <http://www.nationalplantboard.org/member/index.html>.

If you wish more details on the Federal *Phytophthora ramorum* regulatory program, you may contact Dr. Prakash Hebbar, APHIS' National Program Manager at (301) 734-5717.