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## COORDINATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL WEED RISK ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

**WHEREAS** USDA APHIS PPQ has developed a well regarded Weed Risk Assessment (WRA) process to estimate the risk of a given plant becoming weedy or invasive.

**WHEREAS** the WRA can help risk managers make decisions appropriate for their jurisdiction (e.g., national, state, local).

**WHEREAS** States have expressed an interest in using the APHIS WRA process and products to develop state invasive plant/noxious weed programs.

**WHEREAS** APHIS does not have specific funding for domestic noxious weed activities.

**WHEREAS** coordination of invasive plant assessment between state and federal entities is of benefit to the regulated industries.

**WHEREAS** the Eastern Plant Board greatly appreciates the WRA training and products that have been provided by APHIS to date.

**RESOLVED** That APHIS continue to work with states to provide technical assistance and training to conduct weed risk assessments.

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