SUBJECT: Correction/Clarification: October 7, 2008, Gladiolus Rust Confirmed in San Mateo County, California, SPRO

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

This notice is being sent to correct a discrepancy on the October 7, 2008, SPRO DA-2008-68 “Gladiolus Rust, Uromyces transversalis (Thum.), Confirmed in San Mateo County, California.” This detection of gladiolus rust, which was the first ever to occur in San Mateo County, was positively confirmed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service on September 5, 2008. The previous SPRO letter on this subject incorrectly indicated that the “detection of [gladiolus rust] in San Mateo County represents the first ever occurrence of this disease in California.” Actually, gladiolus rust was detected earlier in 2006, 2007, and 2008 in San Diego County, California.

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

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