

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: *Phytophthora ramorum* (ramorum blight and dieback, sudden oak death),
Listing and Regulation of Plants Recently Reported Associated with *P. ramorum*.

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On February 14, 2002, APHIS published an interim rule in the Federal Register for *P. ramorum* (7 CFR 301.92). This rule regulates the interstate movement of restricted and regulated articles to prevent the artificial spread of this disease-causing organism from areas where the disease is established. We also issued an Emergency Federal Order dated December 21, 2004, to regulate certain nurseries and plants to prevent the spread of the pathogen through nursery plants. We have now learned that certain additional plant taxa can be infected by *P. ramorum* and need to be regulated in order to control the artificial spread of this disease.

The purpose of this SPRO is to provide notification that APHIS will be regulating white fir and American cranberry viburnum. This action is effective November 28, 2005. Attached are the [“APHIS List of Hosts and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*”](#) and the [Federal Domestic Quarantine Order](#), adding these to the plants regulated for *P. ramorum*.

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