

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION  
DA# 2006-31  
July 17, 2006

SUBJECT: *Phytophthora ramorum* (ramorum blight & dieback, sudden oak death); Listing and Regulation of Plants Recently Reported 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.

The purpose of this SPRO is to provide notification that APHIS will be regulating certain new species, effective August 1, 2006. This action is necessary as we have learned that *Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*, *Cinnamomum camphora*, *Kalmia angustifolia*, *Nerium oleander*, *Osmanthus fragrans*, *Osmanthus heterophyllus*, and *Quercus acuta* can be infected by *P. ramorum* and need to be regulated in order to control the artificial spread of this disease. These new plant taxa have been added to the "Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*" list. Also, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Kalmia latifolia*, *Quercus cerris*, *Salix caprea*, and *Viburnum spp.* have been transferred to the "Proven Hosts Regulated for *Phytophthora ramorum*" list, based on Koch's postulates.

There are two attachments to this SPRO: "[Federal Domestic Quarantine Order](#)" which identifies plants to be added to those regulated for *P. ramorum* in the Emergency Federal Order dated December 21, 2004, and the updated "[APHIS List of Regulated Hosts and Plants Associated with \*Phytophthora ramorum\*](#)", dated 11 July 2006.

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