

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION
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SUBJECT: Implementation Date Delayed for Notification Requirement to Ship *Phytophthora ramorum*-Host Nursery Stock

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has delayed, until further notice, the effective date for implementation of the Federal Order requiring pre-notification for shipping *P. ramorum*- host nursery stock from regulated and quarantine areas. This action will allow for the additional time needed to incorporate revisions to the Federal Order and establish necessary measures to support implementation. Advanced notification 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*.

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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