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moved interstate without a certificate, provided that:

(A) The nursery from which plants originate has been inspected and found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* in accordance with § 301.92–11(b)(3), and

(B) The nursery stock is not rooted in soil or growing media.[7]

(d) *Interstate movement of nursery stock from nurseries in regulated areas*—(1) *Regulated and associated articles of nursery stock.* Regulated articles of nursery stock and associated articles may only be moved interstate from nurseries in regulated areas if accompanied by a certificate issued and attached in accordance with §§ 301.92–5 and 301.92–8, and provided that, if moved through a quarantined area en route to another State, the regulated articles of nursery stock or associated articles are moved through the quarantined area without stopping except for refueling, rest stops, emergency repairs, and for traffic conditions, such as traffic lights or stop signs.

(2) *Non-host nursery stock.* Any nursery stock of a taxon not listed in § 301.92–2 as a regulated or associated article may only be moved interstate from nurseries in regulated areas as follows:

(i) *With a certificate.* If non-host nursery stock originates from a nursery in a regulated area that contains regulated or associated articles, the nursery stock must be accompanied by a certificate issued and attached in accordance with §§ 301.92–5 and 301.92–8, and provided that, if moved through a quarantined area en route to another State, the nursery stock is moved through the quarantined area without stopping except for refueling, rest stops, emergency repairs, and for traffic conditions, such as traffic lights or stop signs.

(ii) *Without a certificate.* If non-host nursery stock originates from a nursery in a regulated area that does not contain regulated or associated articles, the nursery stock may be moved interstate without a certificate, provided that the nursery from which plants originate has been inspected and found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* in accordance with § 301.92–11(d)(3).

[7] To be eligible for interstate movement, non-host nursery stock that is rooted in soil or growing media requires certification that the soil or growing media meets the requirements of § 301.92–5(a)(1)(iii).

### § 301.92–5 Issuance and cancellation of certificates.

(a) *Movements from quarantined areas.* (1) An inspector[8] may issue a certificate for the interstate movement of regulated articles, associated articles, or non-host nursery stock[9] from a quarantined area if the inspector determines that:

(i) The regulated articles have been treated under the direction of an inspector in accordance with part 305 of this chapter; or

(ii) The regulated articles are wood products such as firewood, logs, or lumber that are free of bark;[10] or

(iii) The regulated article is soil or growing media that has not been in direct physical contact with any article infected with *Phytophthora ramorum*, and from which all duff has been removed; or

(iv) The articles are nursery stock or regulated articles of decorative trees without roots, wreaths, garlands, or greenery that:

(A) Are shipped from a nursery in a quarantined area that has been inspected in accordance with the inspection and sampling protocol described in § 301.92–11(a)(1), and the nursery is free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* infestation; and

(B) Are part of a shipment of nursery stock, decorative trees without roots,

[8] Services of an inspector may be requested by contacting local offices of Plant Protection and Quarantine, which are listed in telephone directories. The addresses and telephone numbers of local offices may also be obtained from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Invasive Species and Pest Management, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737, or the APHIS Web site at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/sphd/*.

[9] Paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of § 301.92–4 allows the interstate movement of non-host nursery stock without a certificate under certain conditions.

[10] Firewood, logs, lumber of species listed in 301.92–2(d) and marked with an asterisk are not regulated articles, as noted in § 301.92–2(b)(1).

wreaths, garlands, or greenery that has been inspected prior to interstate movement in accordance with § 301.92–11(a)(2), and the regulated articles in the shipment are free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* infection; and

(C) Have been kept separate from regulated and associated articles and non-host nursery stock not inspected between the time of the inspection and the time of interstate movement; and

(D) Have not been grown in, or moved from, other areas within a quarantined area except nurseries that are annually inspected for *Phytophthora ramorum* in accordance with § 301.92–11 and that have been found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* infestation, *except that* certified nurseries which receive articles from a non-certified nursery in a quarantined or regulated area may continue to ship other plants interstate, provided that the uncertified plants are safeguarded, segregated, and withheld from interstate movement until the plants are inspected and tested and found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum*.

(v) The regulated or associated article or non-host nursery stock is to be moved in compliance with any additional emergency conditions the Administrator may impose under section 414 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7714)[11] to prevent the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*; and

(vi) The regulated or associated article or non-host nursery stock is eligible for unrestricted movement under all other Federal domestic plant quarantines and regulations applicable to the regulated or associated article.

(2) [Reserved]

(b) *Movements from regulated areas.* (1) An inspector[12] may issue a certificate for the interstate movement of regulated articles of nursery stock, associated articles, or non-host nursery stock[13] from a nursery in a regulated area if an inspector determines that:

(i) The nursery from which the nursery stock originates has been inspected in accordance with § 301.92–11(c) and found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* infestation; and

(ii) All nursery stock in the nursery have not been grown in, or moved from, nurseries except those that have been inspected for *Phytophthora ramorum* in accordance with § 301.92–11(c) and that have been found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum* infestation, *except that* certified nurseries which receive articles from a non-certified nursery in a quarantined or regulated area may continue to ship other plants interstate, provided that the uncertified plants are safeguarded, segregated, and withheld from interstate movement until the plants are inspected and tested and found free of evidence of *Phytophthora ramorum*; and

(iii) The nursery stock is to be moved in compliance with any additional emergency conditions the Administrator may impose under section 414 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7714)[14] to prevent the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum*; and

(iv) The nursery stock is eligible for unrestricted movement under all other Federal domestic plant quarantines and regulations applicable to the nursery stock.

(2) [Reserved]

(c) Certificates issued under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section may be issued by any person engaged in the business of growing, processing, handling, or moving regulated or associated articles or nursery stock provided such person has entered into and is operating under a compliance agreement in accordance with § 301.92–6. Any such person may execute and issue a certificate for the interstate movement of regulated or associated articles or nursery stock if an inspector has previously made the determination that the article is eligible for a certificate

[11] Sections 414, 421, and 434 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7714, 7731, and 7754) provide that the Secretary of Agriculture may, under certain conditions, hold, seize, quarantine, treat, apply other remedial measures to destroy or otherwise dispose of any plant, plant pest, plant product, article, or means of conveyance that is moving, or has moved into or through the United States or interstate if the Secretary has reason to believe the article is a plant pest or is infested with a plant pest at the time of movement.

[12] See footnote 7 of this subpart.

[13] Paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of § 301.92–4 allows the interstate movement of non-host nursery stock without a certificate under certain conditions.

[14] See footnote 7 of this subpart.

in accordance with any applicable section of this subpart.

(d) Any certificate that has been issued may be withdrawn, either orally or in writing, by an inspector if he or she determines that the holder of the certificate has not complied with all conditions in this subpart for the use of the certificate. If the withdrawal is oral, the withdrawal and the reasons for the withdrawal will be confirmed in writing as promptly as circumstances allow. Any person whose certificate has been withdrawn may appeal the decision in writing to the Administrator within 10 days after receiving the written notification of the withdrawal. The appeal must state all of the facts and reasons upon which the person relies to show that the certificate was wrongfully withdrawn. As promptly as circumstances allow, the Administrator will grant or deny the appeal, in writing, stating the reasons for the decision. A hearing will be held to resolve any conflict as to any material fact. Rules of practice concerning a hearing will be adopted by the Administrator.

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### § 301.92–6 Compliance agreements and cancellation.

(a) Any person engaged in growing, processing, handling, or moving regulated articles, associated articles, or non-host nursery stock may enter into a compliance agreement when an inspector determines that the person understands this subpart, agrees to comply with its provisions, and agrees to comply with all the provisions contained in the compliance agreement.[15]

(b) Any compliance agreement may be canceled, either orally or in writing, by an inspector whenever the inspector finds that the person who has entered into the compliance agreement has failed to comply with this subpart. If the cancellation is oral, the cancellation and the reasons for the cancellation will be confirmed in writing as promptly as circumstances allow. Any person whose compliance agreement has been canceled may appeal the decision, in writing, within 10 days after receiving written notification of the cancellation. The appeal must state all of the facts and reasons upon which the person relies to show that the compliance agreement was wrongfully canceled. As promptly as circumstances allow, the Administrator will grant or deny the appeal, in writing, stating the reasons for the decision. A hearing will be held to resolve any conflict as to any material fact. Rules of practice concerning a hearing will be adopted by the Administrator.

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### § 301.92–7 Availability of inspectors; assembly for inspection.

(a) Any person (other than a person authorized to issue certificates under § 301.92–5(c)) who desires to move a regulated or associated article or non-host nursery stock interstate accompanied by a certificate must notify an inspector[16] as far in advance of the desired interstate movement as possible, but no less than 48 hours before the desired time of inspection.

(b) The regulated or associated article or non-host nursery stock must be assembled at the place and in the manner the inspector designates as necessary to comply with this subpart.

### § 301.92–8 Attachment and disposition of certificates and recordkeeping.

(a) A certificate required for the interstate movement of a regulated article, associated article, or non-host nursery stock must, at all times during the interstate movement, be:

(1) Attached to the outside of the container containing the regulated article, associated article, or non-host nursery stock; or

[15] Compliance agreement forms are available without charge from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Invasive Species and Pest Management, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236, and from local offices of the Plant Protection and Quarantine, which are listed in telephone directories. Forms are also available on the Internet at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/resources.html*.

[16] See footnote 7 of this subpart.