Subpart—Sand, Soil, or Earth, with Plants from Territories and Districts

§ 318.60 Notice of quarantine. 

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture, having previously quarantined Hawaii and Puerto Rico to prevent the spread to other parts of the United States, by means of sand, soil, or earth about the roots of plants, of immature stages of certain dangerous insects, including Phyllophaga spp. (White grubs), Phytalus spp., and Adoretus spp., and of several species of termites or white ants, new to and not heretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, now determines that it is necessary also to quarantine the Virgin Islands of the United States to prevent the spread of such dangerous insects from said Virgin Islands.

(b) Under the authority of sections 411, 412, 414, and 434 of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7711, 7712, 7714, and 7754), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United States are quarantined to prevent the spread of the aforementioned dangerous insects.

(c) Sand (other than clean ocean sand), soil, or earth around the roots of plants shall not be shipped, offered for shipment to a common carrier, received for transportation or transported by a common carrier, or carried, transported, moved, or allowed to be moved by any person from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States into or through any other State, Territory, or District of the United States: Provided, That the prohibitions of this section shall not apply to the movement of such products in either direction between Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands of the United States: Provided further, That such prohibitions shall not prohibit the movement of plant cuttings or plants that have been (1) freed from sand, soil, and earth, (2) subsequently potted and established in sphagnum moss or other packing material approved under § 319.37–16 that had been stored under shelter and had not been previously used for growing or packing plants, (3) grown thereafter in a manner satisfactory to an inspector of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs to prevent infestation through contact with sand, soil, or earth, and (4) certified by an inspector of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs as meeting the requirements of paragraphs (c) (1), (2), and (3) of this section.

(d) As used in this section, the term State, Territory, or District of the United States means “Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, or the continental United States.”