§ 330.202

Consideration of applications for permits to move plant pests.

The Deputy Administrator, upon the receipt of an application, made in accordance with §330.201 (a) or (b), for a permit for movement of a plant pest into or through the United States from any place outside thereof, or interstate, shall consider the application on its merits.

(a) Consultation. He may consult with any Federal officials, the appropriate officials of any State, Territory, or other jurisdiction in the United States in charge of research or regulatory programs relative to plant pests, and any other qualified governmental or private research laboratory, institution, or individual, for views on the danger of plant pest dissemination into the United States.

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United States, or interstate, in connection with the movement proposed.

(b) Inspection of premises. The Deputy Administrator may inspect the site where plant pests are proposed to be handled in connection with or after their movement under permit to determine whether existing or proposed facilities will be adequate to prevent plant pest dissemination in case a permit is issued, provided that the person in possession thereof is the applicant or such inspection is otherwise authorized.

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§ 330.203 Action on applications for permits to move plant pests; form of and conditions in permits.

The Deputy Administrator, having considered an application for permit to move a plant pest, shall approve or deny the application in accordance with §330.204. If the application is denied, the applicant shall be furnished the reasons therefor. If the application is approved, the Deputy Administrator shall issue the permit including any conditions which, in the opinion of the Deputy Administrator, are necessary to prevent dissemination of plant pests into the United States or interstate. Such conditions may include requirements for inspection of the premises where the plant pests are to be handled, after their movement under the permits, to determine whether the facilities thereat are adequate to prevent plant pest dissemination and the conditions of the permit are otherwise being observed. Permits authorizing movement of plant pests through the United States will include shipping instructions as to routing, labelling, and similar requirements as conditions of the permits. Any applicable conditions prescribed in administrative instructions may be incorporated in a written permit by citation, but shall be applicable whether or not so cited. The Deputy Administrator may, prior to the issuance of the permit, require the applicant to agree in writing to the conditions under which the plant pests will be safeguarded. The permits may be issued in a prescribed form or in letter form, or a combination thereof. A permit without conditions may be issued orally.

§ 330.204 Denial or cancellation of permits; reconsiderations.

(a) The Deputy Administrator will deny an application for a permit to move a plant pest when, in his opinion, such movement would involve a danger of dissemination of the pest. Danger of plant pest dissemination may be deemed to exist when:

(1) No acceptable safeguards adequate to prevent plant pest dissemination can be arranged;

(2) The destructive potential of the plant pest to plants, and parts and products thereof, should it escape despite proposed safeguards, outweighs the probable benefits to be derived from the proposed movement and use of the pest;

(3) The applicant, as a previous permittee, failed to maintain the safeguards or otherwise observe the conditions prescribed in a previous permit and failed to demonstrate his ability or intent to observe them in the future;

(4) The movement is adverse to the conduct of an eradication, suppression, control, or regulatory program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; or

(5) The movement is objected to in writing by an appropriate official of a State, Territory or possession, or the District of Columbia on the ground it will involve a danger of dissemination of the plant pest into the State, Territory or possession, or District.

(b) The Deputy Administrator may cancel any outstanding permit whenever:

(1) Information is received subsequent to the issuance of the permit of circumstances that constitute cause for the denial of an application for permit under paragraph (a) of this section; or

(2) The permittee has not maintained the safeguards or otherwise observed the conditions specified in the permit or in any applicable regulations or administrative instructions.

(c) Any person denied a permit, or whose permit has been canceled, may request the Deputy Administrator in