

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION
DA-2010-24
June 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Extension of the Effective Date for Notification of Shipping *Phytophthora ramorum*
Host Nursery Stock

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has extended from June 21, 2010 to July 19, 2010 the effective date for implementation of the Federal Order requiring pre-notification for shipping *P. ramorum* host nursery stock from regulated and quarantine areas. The extension will provide additional time to put in place necessary measures. 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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