

PUERTO RICO

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Plants and plant products mean all vegetables matter, including but not limited to trees, shrubs, vines, forages and farinaceous plants, grains, vegetables, cereals, and parts or plant products such as leaves, stems, branches, roots, fruits, flowers, bulbs, tubers, stolons, cuttings, buds, grafts, seeds, tree trunks and wood. Vegetative propagative material means all plants and plant products. Trees, shrubs, vines, bulbs, cuttings, grafts, buds, and seeds cultivated, maintained for, or capable of propagation, distribution, or sale.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

All plants and/or vegetative propagating material introduced into Puerto Rico must be free from sand, soil, and other foreign matter. The shipments must be accompanied by an inspection certificate issued by the government authorities in charge of enforcing plant quarantine regulations in the state, territory, district, or country where the material was cultivated; the name and address of the consignee and importer; and the accepted common name or scientific name of the plant. It must also indicate that the material was duly inspected and is apparently free of plant pests. The material must meet all applicable federal quarantines.

Vegetative propagating material of sugarcane and pineapple is prohibited except for introduction by federal and/or commonwealth government experimental stations and plant nurseries under special permit issued by the Secretary of Agriculture. All fruits and vegetables must be free from plants, plant parts and other foreign matter. The introduction of soil, sand or other similar material is allowed only under permit granted by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The introduction of plant pests or live insects at any stage is prohibited unless a permit has been obtained previously from the Secretary of Agriculture. All public porters (ships, airlines, etc.) are subject to inspection.

NOXIOUS WEEDS (Contact the Puerto Rico of Agriculture for specific requirements)

<i>Acasia farnesiana</i>	<i>Ipomoea spp.</i> (Bejucos de Puerco)
<i>Albizia procera</i> (Albizia)	<i>Ipomoea triloba</i> (Bejuco)
<i>Borreira alata</i>	<i>Jatropha gossypifolia</i>
<i>Calotropis procera</i> (Ait.) R. Br. (Giant Milkweed)	<i>Mimosa casta</i> (Zarza)
<i>Cleome viscosa</i> (Jazmín de Río)	<i>Opuntia dillenii</i>
<i>Cuscuta spp.</i> (Fideillo)	<i>Orobancha spp.</i> (Maleza Parasita)
<i>Datura stramonium</i>	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i> (Ajenjo)
<i>Eichornia crassipes</i> (Jacinto de Agua)	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i> (Mesquite, Bayahonda)
<i>Eleusine indica</i> (Pata de Gallina)	<i>Rottboelia cochinchinensis</i> (Caminadora)
<i>Euphoria heterophylla</i> (Leche Vana)	<i>Solanum viarum</i> (Tropical Soda Apple)
<i>Imperata brasiliensis</i> (Graminea)	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> (Yerba Johnson)
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> (Graminea)	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> (Common Cocklebur)

PLANT VIRUSES (Contact the Puerto Rico of Agriculture for specific requirements)

Bean Golden Mosaic Virus	Rhynchosia Mosaic Virus
Citrus Tristeza Virus	Rosa Mosaic Virus
Cucumber Mosaic Virus	Sida Mosaic Virus
Dasheen Mosaic Virus	Sugarcane Mosaic Virus
Papaya Mosaic Virus	Tobacco Etch Virus
Peper Mottle Virus	Tobacco Mosaic Virus
Potato Virus Y	

QUARANTINE OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Bacterial Cranker

- Pest: *Bacterium vesicatorium*
- States regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.
- Materials regulated: Tomato and pepper seeds.
- Restrictions: Restrictions and/or prohibitions apply

2. Coffee Pests

- Pest: All
- States regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.
- Materials regulated: Coffee plants, seeds, and coffee products.
- Restrictions: Restrictions and/or prohibitions apply

3. Vegetable weevil

- Pest: *Listroderes costirostris obliquus* (Klug) and Whitefringed Beetle, *Graphognathus spp.*
- Sates regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.
- Materials regulated: Vegetables
- Restrictions: Introduction of these insect pests is prohibited

4. Tristeza (Quick Decline)

- Pest : Citrus Tristeza Virus (CTV)
- States regulated: California (CA), Florida (FL), AND Los Ángeles (LA)
- Materials regulated: All citrus nursery stock
- Restrictions: Introduction of citrus nursery stock is prohibited

5. Palm Pests

- Pests: All
- States regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.

- c. Materials regulated: All palm plants, palm seeds, and palm products (fresh).
- d. Restrictions: Introduction of regulated materials is prohibited

6. Mediterranean Fruit Fly

- a. Pests: *Ceratitis capitata* (Mediterranean Fruit Fly), *Bactrocera cucurbitae* (Melon Fly), *Anastrepha ludens* (Mexican Fruit Fly), *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Oriental Fruit Fly)
- b. States regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.
- c. Materials regulated: All
- d. Restrictions: Introduction is prohibited

7. Plantain and Banana Pests

- a. Pest: All
- b. States regulated: All states or territories of the U.S. and any foreign country.
- c. Materials regulated: Seeds and/or vegetative parts, fruits of plantain, and bananas.
- d. Restrictions: Introduction of regulated materials is prohibited

CAPS PEST SURVEY LIST

<i>Belocaulus spp.</i>	<i>Cernuella virgata</i>
<i>Ceroplastes japonicus</i>	<i>Rhabdoscelus obscurus</i>
<i>Cochlicella spp.</i>	<i>Tobamovirus Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus</i>
<i>Fusarium oxysporum f.sp. cubense tropical race 4</i>	<i>Tobamovirus Cucumber Green Mottle Mosaic Virus</i>
<i>Lissachatina fulica</i>	<i>Ralstonia solanacearum race 3 biovar 3</i>
<i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>	<i>Stenoma catenifer</i>
<i>Paysandisia archon</i>	<i>Conogethes punctiferalis</i>