

SOUTH CAROLINA

SUMMARY OF PLANT PROTECTION REGULATIONS Updated February 2024

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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

Nursery stock means all trees (fruit, nut, shade and ornamental), ornamental plants, turf grass, bush fruits, buds, grafts, scions, vines, roots, bulbs, seedlings, slips, tissue culture or other portions of plants (excluding true seeds) grown, collected or kept for propagation, sale or distribution. Also includes any other plant or plant part included by the Director, if regulating its movement is necessary to control any plant pest.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Notification of nursery stock shipments, when required, should be sent to the email address above. Each vehicle, package, box, bundle or container of nursery stock originating outside of South Carolina and being moved into South Carolina for customer delivery or for resale must have attached to it a valid Nursery Certificate Tag from the state or country of origin stating in effect that the nursery stock being moved has been inspected and certified by an authorized official as apparently free of Plant Pests. Any shipment of nursery stock entering South Carolina not accompanied by such a Nursery Certificate Tag shall be declared a public nuisance and may be returned to the shipper, treated, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Department.

Any plants moving from outside of South Carolina, whether or not accompanied by a Nursery Certificate Tag, found infested with Plant Pests shall be declared a public nuisance and may be returned to the shipper, treated, destroyed or otherwise disposed of to the satisfaction of the Department. For additional information, refer to the Department of Plant Industry web site: www.clemson.edu/dpi.

STATE PLANT PEST LIST

All regulated plant and honeybee pests can be found on the South Carolina State Plant Pest List: https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/plant-pest-regulations/state-plant-pest-information/pests_list.html

STATE EXTERNAL QUARANTINES **

** For a complete listing of Plant Pest Quarantines in South Carolina, follow this link:
<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/Chapter%2027.pdf>

BOLL WEEVIL QUARANTINE

PEST: Boll Weevil, *Anthonomus grandis* Boheman.

STATES REGULATED: AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, LA, MS, OK, SC, TN, TX

MATERIALS REGULATED: Any living stage of the boll weevil; seed cotton, gin trash; cotton plants/parts; and used cotton equipment.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles moving from any generally infested area or outside regulated areas into or through eradication areas of South Carolina must be accompanied by a certificate or permit issued by an authorized regulatory official in the state of origin. Regulated articles originating outside the regulated area may be moved without a certificate or permit provided the point of origin is proven to the satisfaction of our inspector.

HONEYBEES

PEST: Any pest of honeybees which is known to be injurious.

STATES REGULATED: All states.

REGULATED ARTICLES: Honeybees and honeybee keeping equipment.

RESTRICTIONS: Entry permits are required. A certificate stating bees and/or beekeeping equipment are free from disease and other pests is required before entry permits are issued granting entry into South Carolina. All bee and/or beekeeping equipment shipments must receive and provide to this Department prior to shipping a certificate from their state apiary inspector stating apiaries of shipper have been inspected within **last** 60 days and that no American or European Foulbroods, Africanized Honeybee, or other injurious pests have been found.

LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH QUARANTINE

PEST: Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*)

STATES REGULATED: Any area under federal quarantine for light brown apple moth (LBAM), (*Epiphyas postvittana*). Any area under state quarantine for light brown apple

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moth (LBAM), (*Epiphyas postvittana*), regulated by the plant regulatory agency of the state concerned.

MATERIALS REGULATED: The light brown apple moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*) in any living stage. All host plants for light brown apple moth. Any other product, articles, or means of conveyance of any character whatsoever, not covered by the above, when it is determined by a quarantine officer of a state or federal plant pest regulatory agency that they present a hazard of spreading the light brown apple moth.

PHONY PEACH DISEASE QUARANTINE

PEST: Phony Peach, Rickettsia-like bacterium.

STATES REGULATED: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MO, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX.

MATERIALS REGULATED: All peach, plum, apricot, nectarine and almond nursery stock.

RESTRICTIONS: Shipments of regulated articles are permitted only when a valid nursery inspection certificate of the state of origin bearing the name and address of the consignor is securely attached to the outside of each shipment. Nurseries must also file or mail an invoice to the Department of Plant Industry at the time of shipment showing the following information: (1) name and address of shipper; (2) producer of stock, if different from shipper; (3) date of shipment; (4) name and address of purchaser, and (5) name and address of receiver, if different from purchaser. Contact the Department of Plant Industry for specific certification requirements.

PHYTOPHAGOUS SNAILS QUARANTINE

PEST: Phytophagous snails.

STATES REGULATED: AZ, CA, FL, HI, MN, NM, OR, TX, WA, or any other areas infested with phytophagous snails.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Nursery stock, other plant material, and articles capable of transporting phytophagous snails, including used containers and trash, and all phytophagous snails.

RESTRICTIONS: Raising, maintaining and/or holding phytophagous snails is prohibited. Movement of phytophagous snails in any stage of development is prohibited.

PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM QUARANTINE

PEST: *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P. ramorum*)

STATES REGULATED: Any area of any state, territory or country under state or federal quarantine for *Phytophthora ramorum*, or any area of any state, territory, or country designated as a regulated area for *Phytophthora ramorum* by the cognizant state or federal plant pest regulatory agency.

MATERIALS REGULATED: All host and associated plants for *Phytophthora ramorum* included in any applicable United States Department of Agriculture statutes, regulations, orders or other requirements.

RESTRICTIONS: Clemson University Department of Plant Industry will enforce any applicable United States Department of Agriculture statutes, regulations, orders or other requirements regarding *Phytophthora ramorum*.

PLUM POX VIRUS QUARANTINE

PESTS: Plum Pox Virus (*Potyvirus plum pox virus*)

STATES REGULATED: Any infested area in the United States as designated by USDA APHIS PPQ on their webpage:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/plum-pox>

MATERIALS REGULATED:

(A) Any species susceptible to the Plum Pox Virus. See Appendix I for PPV-susceptible species list.

(B) All propagative and non-propagative material of PPV-susceptible Prunus species, including seed, budwood, fruit, leaves, twigs and blossoms.

SEED SWEET POTATOES AND SWEET POTATO PLANTS

PESTS: Black rot and stem rot

STATES REGULATED: All states.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Sweet potato roots, tubers, plants, vines, cuttings, draws and slips.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles are allowed into South Carolina only if accompanied by an inspection certificate from the state of origin.

SWEET POTATO WEEVIL QUARANTINE

PEST: Sweet Potato Weevil, *Cylas formicarius elegantulus* (Sum.)

STATES REGULATED: AL, AR, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, TX

MATERIALS REGULATED: Any living stage of the sweet potato weevil; sweet potato roots, tubers, plants or vines; any vines, roots, etc. of *Ipomoea* spp.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles must be accompanied by a valid sweet potato inspection tag issued by the state of origin. Each container shall have an official certificate firmly attached. Sweet potatoes from regulated areas will be admitted into South Carolina only after fumigation with methyl bromide and state of origin certification.

TOBACCO TRANSPLANTS

PESTS: Any plant pest which is regarded as injurious.

STATES REGULATED: All states.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Tobacco plants.

RESTRICTIONS:

(1) No person, firm, company, partnership or corporation shall pack, transport, sell or offer for sale, ship or bring into or plant in this state any tobacco plants produced out of state unless such plants are certified tobacco plants.

(2) Only certified tobacco plants shall be sold or offered for sale in South Carolina.

Tobacco plants shall meet South Carolina Code of Regulations, Article 4.

TOMATO TRANSPLANTS

PESTS: Leaf spots, wilts, blights, viruses, nematodes, insects, and mites.

STATES REGULATED: All states that commercially produce tomato transplants for interstate shipment.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Greenhouse and field-grown tomato transplants.

RESTRICTIONS: All tomato transplants moved into South Carolina must be inspected and certified free from injurious insects, nematodes, and plant diseases, except that no tolerance shall be allowed for late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*). All plants must have a valid inspection certificate issued by the state of origin attached to each container. Each load must have a master certificate giving the total number of containers, the point of origin, consignor and consignee.

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

PEST: White Pine Blister Rust

STATES REGULATED: NC, SC

MATERIALS REGULATED: All wild and cultivated currant and gooseberry plants growing in any Blister Rust-Control Area.

RESTRICTIONS: No person, firm, or corporation shall knowingly plant or any currant or gooseberry plants of any kind or variety within any such Blister Rust Control Area unless a special permit has been issued by the South Carolina State Crop Pest Commission. No person, firm or corporation shall knowingly transport any currant or gooseberry plants of any kind or variety into any Blister Rust Control Areas from any other part of the State without a special permit.

WITCHWEED QUARANTINE

PEST: Witchweed, *Striga asiatica* Lour.

STATES REGULATED: NC, SC

MATERIALS REGULATED: Soil, compost, decomposed manure, humus, muck, and peat, separately or with other things; sand and gravel. Plants with roots, grass sod, plant crowns and roots for propagation. True bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants. Root crops, except those from which all soil has been removed. Peanuts in shells and peanut shells, except boiled or roasted peanuts. Small grains and soybeans. Hay,

straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind. Seed cotton and gin trash, stumpwood, long green cucumbers, cantaloupes, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons, except those from which all soil has been removed. Pickling cucumbers, string beans, and field peas. Cabbage, except firm heads with loose outer leaves removed. Leaf tobacco, except flue-cured leaf tobacco. Ear corn, except shucked ear corn. Used crates, boxes, burlap bags, cotton picking sacks, and other used farm product containers. Used farm tools, used mechanized cultivating equipment, used harvesting equipment and used mechanized soil-moving equipment.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles may enter SC only if accompanied by a valid certificate or limited permit issued in compliance with the federal Witchweed quarantine by a duly authorized State or Federal Regulatory Official of the state of origin.