

# NOTICE OF QUARANTINE

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUARANTINE OF [*BIOLOGICAL OR ZOOLOGICAL TAXON*], “[COMMON NAME]”, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Pursuant to the authority vested in the RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT by Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL), 2-16-3 and 2-16-10, I, [Name of DAG Chief], in my capacity as Chief of the Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management, hereby provide notice that I find that an imminent peril exists to the agricultural industry, general environment, and public welfare, which requires the adoption of the attached quarantine prior to the opportunity for public comment. Specifically, I find that the adoption of the attached quarantine appears to be necessary and promises to be the most efficacious means for preventing or retarding the spread of the plant pest known as “[common name of pest]” (*biological or zoological taxon*) into other premises or communities to the detriment of the welfare of the agricultural economy of the State.

The attached quarantine will prohibit the transportation into, through, or within the State of Rhode Island any plants, plant parts, or related articles that are known to be infected with or to constitute a capacity to be a vector, reservoir, or vehicle of distribution for [*biological or zoological taxon*]. The accompanying quarantine prohibits said transportation for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, during which thirty (30) day period a hearing shall be announced and held, and the continuation and maintenance of said quarantine beyond the thirty (30) day period shall be dependent on the hearing. Consistent with the provisions of RIGL 2-16-11, a penalty may be imposed of up to two hundred dollars (\$200) per violation of the quarantine.

**WHEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, by RIGL 2-16-3 and 2-16-10, I, [Name of DAG Chief], in my capacity as Chief of the Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management, hereby adopt a quarantine of [*biological or zoological taxon*], which is attached hereto and designated as Attachment I. On the basis of the above, in my capacity as Chief of the Division of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Management, I also find that an imminent threat to the agricultural industry, general environment, and public welfare exists which requires that the attached quarantine becomes effective immediately. I find that such action is required in order to avoid the imminent peril to the agricultural industry, general environment, and public welfare, which is presented by the continuing transportation of plants and soil known to be infected with or to constitute a capacity to be a vector, reservoir or vehicle of distribution for [*biological or zoological taxon*] into and within, the State of Rhode Island.

**WHEREFORE**, in order to protect the agricultural industry, general environment, and public welfare, I find that the attached quarantine shall become effective immediately.

Signed this [number, 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>] day of [month, year],

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[Name of DAG Chief], Chief, Division of Agriculture, RI DEM

## ATTACHMENT I

### QUARANTINE CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF *[BIOLOGICAL OR ZOOLOGICAL TAXON]* IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

A. Pest:

“**[Common name]**,” *[biological or zoological taxon]*.

B. Articles and commodities covered:

Plants, plant parts, or related articles that are known or that are suspected to be infected with or to constitute a capacity to be a vector, reservoir or vehicle of distribution for *[biological or zoological taxon]*, including greenhouse structures and the entire contents thereof containing plants that originate from a source where *[biological or zoological taxon]* is known or suspected to be present.

C. Restrictions.

1. All plants, plant parts, and related material originating from a source or location where *[biological or zoological taxon]* is known or suspected to be present are prohibited entry into the State of Rhode Island.

2. In the event that plants, plant parts, or related articles originating from a source or location where *[biological or zoological taxon]* is known or suspected to be present are determined to exist within the State of Rhode Island, the following will apply:

No plants, plant parts or related articles shall be moved from any greenhouse, field or surrounding area as determined by the Chief, containing plants, plant parts, or related material originating from a source or location where *[biological or zoological taxon]* is known to be present, unless it is determined by the Chief that the movement of such articles does not constitute a risk of spreading *[biological or zoological taxon]* within the State.