

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

NOTICE OF QUARANTINE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) hereby gives public notice that it has been informed by the United States Department of Agriculture that the "plant pest" **[botanical or zoological taxon]**, also known as "**[common name]**," may have entered the State of Rhode Island. Based on this information, on **[date]**, DEM established a temporary quarantine of certain facilities that may have received plants infested with this pest in accordance with Rhode Island General Law sections 2-16-3(5) and 2-16-10. Pursuant to section 2-16-10 DEM will hold a public hearing regarding the presence of **[botanical or zoological taxon]**, in Rhode Island, to discuss the continuation and maintenance of the quarantine beyond thirty (30) days and to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally and/or in writing on the quarantine.

The public hearing will be held on **[day of the wee, date]** at **[time, am or PM]** in the DEM/Division of Agriculture conference room, Room 370C of the Foundry Building, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The hearing room is accessible to the handicapped. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made. The DEM will provide interpreter services for the hearing impaired, provided such a request is made at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 277-6800 or TDD (401) 831-5508.

Copies of the notice(s) of quarantine can be obtained at the Division or by calling (401) 222-2781 weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., or by writing to:

Department of Environmental Management, Division of Agriculture
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

DEM encourages the submission of written comments prior to the date of the public hearing. All written comments should be sent to the Department at the address indicated above.

Signed this **[date, 1st to 31st]** day of **[month, year]**,

[Name of DAG Chief], Chief

Division of Agriculture and Resource Marketing