

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION
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SUBJECT: *Phytophthora ramorum* (ramorum blight, ramorum dieback, sudden oak death):
List and Regulation of Plants Recently Reported with *P. ramorum*

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On February 27, 2007, APHIS published an interim rule in the *Federal Register* for *P. ramorum* (7 CFR 301.92). This rule regulates the interstate movement of restricted and regulated articles to prevent the artificial spread of this disease-causing organism from areas where the disease is established. This rule listed 105 hosts of *P. ramorum*.

The purpose of this SPRO is to provide notification that APHIS will be regulating certain new species, effective January 1, 2008. This action is necessary as we have learned that in Canada two new plants, *Corylopsis spicata* and *Physocarpus opulifolius*, have been detected naturally to be infected by *P. ramorum*. These two taxa need to be regulated in order to control the artificial spread of this disease. Note that so far this year, no new hosts have been detected and reported in the United States. In addition, we are deleting an unnecessary listing of *Kalmia angustifolia*, since we are currently regulating all species of *Kalmia*. This deletion is consistent with the interim rule, as published.

Nurseries operating under a compliance agreement may continue to ship hosts and associated plants including the newly-listed plants. However, any other nurseries containing these newly-listed associated plants must be properly inspected, sampled, tested, and placed under a Compliance Agreement by January 01, 2008, in order to be able to move regulated plants interstate.

There are two attachments to this SPRO, "Federal Domestic Quarantine Order," which identifies the plants to be added to those regulated for *P. ramorum* listed in the February 27, 2007, interim rule, and the updated, "APHIS List of Regulated Hosts and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*", dated December 01, 2007. We anticipate that these plants will be added to the regulations in the final rule.

For more information on the Federal *P. ramorum* regulatory program, you may contact the National *P. ramorum* Program Manager, Jonathan Jones, at Area Code (301) 734-5038.

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2 Attachments