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Importation of Plant Parts for Propagation

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All plants or plant parts of each genus imported for propagation are classified by APHIS-PPQ into one of three risk categories (**restricted**, **postentry** or **prohibited**) based on our ability to detect the regulated pests of that genus in imported plant material.

Restricted plants or plant parts are inspected and treated if necessary for large pests, such as insects, at a port of entry or at an APHIS-PPQ inspection station.

Postentry plants or plant parts are inspected upon entry but must also be grown at an approved site where a state official inspects the growing plants for pests. Both **restricted** and **postentry** genera can be imported in commercial quantities.

Prohibited plants or plant parts for propagation are known to carry small plant pathogens or insects that can not be reliably detected by inspection, because the pests are too small, they occur inside the plant tissue, and/or they do not cause consistent symptoms in dormant or growing plants. **Prohibited** plant material for propagation can only be imported in small quantities through an APHIS-approved quarantine program, unless they originate from an approved source listed in 319.37-5.

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