

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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October 31, 2022

Subject: Listing and Regulation of Plant Species Reported to be Proven Hosts of and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P. ramorum*)

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, APHIS is adding proven hosts and associated plants to the list of plant species regulated for *P. ramorum*. The pathogen, *P. ramorum*, is the cause of both Sudden Oak Death, a forest disease that has resulted in widespread dieback of several tree species in California and Oregon forests, and Ramorum Blight, which affects the leaves and twigs of numerous other plants in forests and nurseries. This action is necessary to control the artificial spread of *P. ramorum*.

Regulated establishments and nurseries in quarantine areas, as defined in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 301.92-3 that operate under a compliance agreement may continue to ship proven hosts and associated plants on the updated regulated list, as stated in their current compliance agreement, until the next compliance inspection. Nurseries under compliance must provide the September 2022 list of proven hosts and associated plants of *P. ramorum* at their nursery to regulatory officials prior to the next compliance inspection. At the next compliance inspection, regulatory officials must inspect, potentially sample, and test proven hosts and associated plants. All plants on the proven host and associated plant list must be determined free from *P. ramorum* before they are shipped.

The attached Federal Order identifies the hosts added to the list of plant species regulated for *P. ramorum*. In addition, please see the updated “APHIS Lists of Proven Hosts of and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*” dated September 2022, which may be found at this site:

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For more information about APHIS’ *P. ramorum* regulatory program, please contact the *P. ramorum* National Policy Manager, William Wesela, at (301) 851-2229.



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Attachments (2)

- Federal Order
- APHIS Lists of Proven Hosts of and Plants Associated with *Phytophthora ramorum*

**United States Department of Agriculture
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

Federal Order

**Addition to APHIS Lists of Proven Hosts of and Plants Associated with
Phytophthora ramorum (*P. ramorum*)**

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The purpose of this Federal Order is to prevent the spread of the harmful plant diseases caused by *P. ramorum*. To prevent the spread and dissemination of *P. ramorum*, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) considers it necessary and important to add 30 plant species to the proven host plant taxa list, and 51 plant species to the associated plant taxa list (identified by the symbol “§” on the attached list) regulated for *P. ramorum* included in 7 CFR § 301-92-2. These federal regulations govern the movement of nursery stock and restricted articles from all 50 states.

This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

Plants associated with *P. ramorum* are naturally infected plants from which *P. ramorum* has been cultured and/or detected using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR). Traditional Koch’s postulates have not yet been completed nor documented and reviewed for each of the associated plants. Proven hosts are naturally infected associated plants that have documentation, review, and acceptance of traditional Koch’s postulates completed, and are accepted by APHIS.

Regulated establishments and nurseries in quarantine areas (as defined in 7 CFR § 301-92-3) that operate under a compliance agreement may continue to ship proven *P. ramorum* hosts and *P. ramorum* associated plants, including the newly added plant taxa, as stated in their current compliance agreement until the next compliance inspection. Nurseries under compliance must provide the September 2022 list of proven hosts and associated plants of *P. ramorum* present at their nursery to regulatory officials prior to the next compliance inspection. At the next compliance inspection, regulatory officials must inspect, potentially sample, and test proven hosts and associated plants. All plants on the proven and associated plant list must be determined free from *P. ramorum* before they are shipped.

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