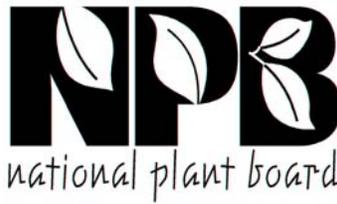


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Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program
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Riverdale, MD 20737

Dear Ms. Schuble:

The National Plant Board has reviewed the proposal put forth by your agency to change the status of the following insect pests currently regulated in foreign trade to non-actionable at ports of entry:

- *Andaspis punicae*, Litchi scale
- *Coccotrypes carpophagus*, Seed ambrosia beetle
- *Frankliniella schultzei*, Common blossom thrips
- *Greenidea psidii*/*Greenidea ficicola* (combined into one report), aphids
- *Hyadaphis coriandri*, Coriander aphid
- *Promalactis suzukiella*, moth
- *Puto mexicanus*, Mexican giant mealybug
- *Rhopalosiphum insertum*, Apple grass aphid

Based on responses received from our members the National Plant Board concurs with those recommendations.

The National Plant Board looks forward to continued close cooperation with USDA APHIS PPQ to improve the safeguarding of the agricultural and horticultural resources of states, and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the potential de-regulation of plant pests of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Cooper, President
National Plant Board

cc: Alan Dowdy, USDA APHIS PPQ
Aurelio Posadas, Executive Secretary