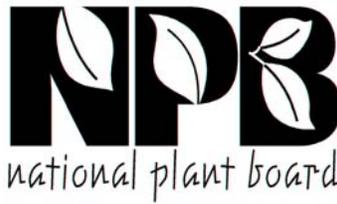


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Dear Ms. Schuble:

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

- *Cosetacus camelliae* (Keifer)
- *Ctenarytaina eucalypti* (Maskell) and *Ctenarytaina spatulata* (Taylor)
- *Insignorthezia pseudinsignis* (Morrison)
- *Florinia pinicola* (Maskell)
- *Sybra alternans* (Wiedemann)
- *Thysanofiorinia nephelii* (Maskell)

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

The State of Hawaii has indicated that *Ctenarytaina spatula*, *Cosetacus camelliae*, and *Florinia pinicola* do not currently exist in Hawaii, and those pests should remain regulated by USDA APHIS PPQ when articles are destined for Hawaii due to its unique situation.

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

Sincerely,

Carl P. Schulze, Jr.
President

Cc: Alan Green, USDA APHIS PPQ Plant Health Programs
Aurelio Posadas, Executive Secretary