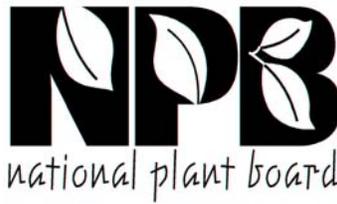


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Dear Ms. Schuble:

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:

*Acizzia jamatonica* (Kuwayama)  
*Kweilingia divina* (Syd.) Mundk. & Khesw.  
*Pyrrhocoris apterus* (Linnaeus)  
*Raglius alboacuminatus* (Goeze)

to non-actionable at ports of entry. The National Plant Board concurs with those recommendations. Currently no states are considering implementing additional official actions to control these organisms.

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 of potential de-regulation of plant pests of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl P. Schulze, Jr.'.

Carl P. Schulze, Jr.  
President

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