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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE**

**AGREEMENT FOR POSTENTRY QUARANTINE
STATE SCREENING NOTICE**
(7 CFR 319 SUBPART H - PLANTS FOR PLANTING)

INSTRUCTIONS

PRESS HARD – you are making 4 copies. Complete section A. FORWARD PARTS 1, 2, AND 3 TO THE STATE REGULATORY OFFICIAL IN THE STATE WHERE THE PLANT MATERIAL WILL BE GROWN. Refer to the addresses on the reverse of Part 4. Retain Part 4 for your file.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT ORGANIZATION TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL	2. SCIENTIFIC NAME OF PLANT _____ _____ _____	3. QUANTITY _____ _____ _____	4. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN _____ _____ _____
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5. ACTUAL LOCATION WHERE MATERIAL WILL BE GROWN, INCLUDING COUNTRY (Please be specific. Show street address of property, or if no number, describe location of property in relation to roads and/or landmarks. Do NOT use post office box numbers.)

AGREEMENT

As a condition of importing Plants for Planting whose importation is subject to postentry quarantine, as listed in the Plants for Planting Manual, an importer postentry quarantine growing agreement is required in accordance with 7 CFR 319.37-23(c). The following requirements must be met:

- a. All plant material will be grown on premises supervised and controlled by me, located as specified in the Growing Locations section, and will not be moved or distributed without prior written permission of the appropriate State or Territory Official and the APHIS Postentry Quarantine Program Coordinator.
- b. Properly identified officers, either Federal and/or State, will be given access to the premises listed in the Growing Locations section during regular business hours.
- c. No increase of these plants by cutting, grafting, suckers, flowers, seeds, or air layers will be made; there will be no distribution of the plants or increase; and no sale of flower cuttings or fruits will be made until the plants are released from postentry quarantine, or written permission of the State or Territory Official and the APHIS Postentry Quarantine Program Coordinator.
- d. The plant material and all increase therefrom will be labeled by specific plant name, shipment number and date of importation.
- e. The plant material will be separated from domestic stock of the same genus including such stock on adjoining premises, by no less than 3 meters (approximately 10 feet); and will be separated from other imported plants by the same distance.
- f. Any treatments prescribed by the officer including destruction of the quarantined plant material or other plants growing on the premises will be complied with to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest.
- g. The appropriate State or Territory Official will be notified in writing within 30 days when any abnormality is noticed in the plant material or if the plant material dies. Dead plants will be retained and collected by the officer for analysis.
- h. Notification of change of address will be sent to the appropriate State or Territory Official and the APHIS Postentry Quarantine Program Coordinator.
- i. Plants of *Rubus* spp. from Europe will be grown in a screenhouse (16 mesh per inch minimum); plants of *Chrysanthemum* spp., *Dendranthema* spp., *Leucanthemalla serotina*, *Nipponanthemum nipponicum*, *Dianthus* spp., and *Hydrangea* spp. will be grown in a greenhouse or other enclosed building.
- j. The postentry requirements will be applied to *Chrysanthemum* spp. for 6 months after importation, to *Dianthus* spp. for 1 year after importation, to *Hydrangea* spp. for 9 months after importation, to *Humulus* spp. (hops), a meristem culture of the imported plant will be observed for 6 months, and the original plant will be destroyed after the meristem culture is established. After the 6-month observation, the meristem culture-generated plant must remain in postentry quarantine for an additional year. All other plants under the postentry quarantine program will be observed and grown for 2 years after importation.
- k. APHIS will consider authorizing release of restricted plant materials in postentry quarantine before the end of 2 consecutive calendar years under the following conditions: 1) All restricted plant materials under PEQ targeted for release shall meet the inspection and testing requirements for the plant pests and pathogen(s) of concern and must complete 2 sequential growing season inspections occurring within 2 consecutive calendar years; 2) the results of the inspections and testing shall be negative for the plant pests and pathogen(s) of concern; and 3) the request shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from the State Plant Regulatory Official or their designated representative.

I, as the responsible agent, have read this agreement and agree to the above conditions, and understand that violation of this agreement will result in the cancellation of my postentry permit.

6. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	7. DATE SIGNED
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SECTION B- TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE OFFICIAL

8. SITE

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED (state reason below)

NOT SCREENED

RETAIN PART 3 FOR YOUR FILE

9. SIGNATURE OF STATE OFFICIAL	10. DATE SIGNED	State Official: Forward this application to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine 4700 River Road, Unit 136 Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1236
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**Instruction for Completing PPQ Form 546
Agreement for Postentry Quarantine State Screening Notice**

Note: Please TYPE or PRINT legibly to complete this form.

1. Enter the name of the company representative who is responsible for the shipment, the company name, and a street address. If you have a Post Office box for mail deliveries, add this to the street address in this box.
2. Enter the scientific (Latin) name of each plant you wish to import.
3. Enter the maximum number of plants/cuttings you and the State inspector consider appropriate for the growing you have selected during the quarantine period for the genus or genera you are importing.
4. Enter the country or countries from which the product is originally being shipped.
5. Enter the specific location – street address (if available), city, county, and state – where the plant material will be grown for the duration of the quarantine period. If no street address is available, you and the State inspector must determine how to describe the location in detail (GPS coordinates can be used).

STOP. Contact your State Department of Agriculture to set up an appointment for a site inspection. Refer to the addresses in the State Plant Regulatory Official SPRO found at <http://nationalplantboard.org/membership>.

6. After the site inspection and consultation, the person named in Block 1 must sign the application.
7. Enter the date the application was completed and signed.

The State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO) will complete the form and submit it to USDA, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine.

For further assistance, please contact USDA/APHIS Permit Services at 301-851-2046. The toll-free automated number to call is 877-770-5990.