

SUMMARY

THE VIRGINIA PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS INSPECTION LAW AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS Affecting the Interstate and Intrastate Movement of Nursery Stock, Other Plants, and Plant Products

In order that nursery stock may move into or within Virginia, it must be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection issued by the proper authority of the state of origin. This certificate must be attached to each load, box, bale, or package in a conspicuous place.

Virginia nurseries and dealers must be licensed. Only bona fide nurseries and dealers (see definitions below) will be issued licenses. Licenses expire December 31 annually. Licensed nurseries are required to be inspected on an annual basis. The license fee is \$75.00 for Nurserymen and \$25.00 for Dealers. Checks should be made payable to the TREASURER OF VIRGINIA and mailed to this address: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 526, Richmond, Virginia 23204-0526. Firms currently licensed are mailed renewal applications in late October.

In addition to the registration fee, each nursery is assessed an annual inspection fee of \$1.50 per acre for each acre inspected above 50 acres. The bill for this annual inspection fee (if applicable) is included with the renewal application mailed in October.

All quarantines, Federal and State, must be complied with, including Gypsy Moth, Emerald Ash Borer, and Japanese Beetle.

Definitions—

“DEALER” means any person that acquires nursery stock for the purpose of resale and distribution who is not a grower of nursery stock

“NURSERY” means any premises where nursery stock is propagated, grown, fumigated, treated, packed, stored, or otherwise prepared for sale or distribution.

“NURSERY STOCK” means all trees, shrubs, woody vines (including ornamentals), bush fruits, grapevines, fruit trees, and nut trees offered for sale and distribution; all buds, grafts, scions, and cuttings from such plants; and any container, soil, and other packing material with such plants or plant products. It shall also mean herbaceous plants (including strawberry plants, narcissus plants, and narcissus bulbs) if the Board determines that controlling the movement of such plants or bulbs is necessary to control any plant pest. Unless designated by the Board, nursery stock shall not include florist or greenhouse plants for inside culture or use.

“NURSEYMAN” means any person that produces nursery stock for sale or distribution

“PLANT PEST” means any living stage of insects, mites, nematodes, slugs, snails, protozoa, other invertebrate animals, bacteria, fungi, other parasitic plants, parasitic plant parts, viruses, any other similar organism, or any infectious substances that can injure, infect, or damage any plants or plant products.

“PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS” means any trees, shrubs, vines, forage, fiber, cereal, and all other plants; cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, and all other plant parts; fruit, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds, wood, lumber, and all other plant products; or any container, soil, and packing material with plants or plant products.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION write the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Plant and Pest Services, P. O. Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or call (804) 786-3515.