

To all Permit Holders:

From: Colin Stewart, Assistant Director- USDA APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine's Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits Branch

Subject: Changes to the Plant Pest Regulations

On August, 9, 2019, the revised Plant Pest Regulations, 7 CFR 330, will take effect. This letter is to notify you that we will no longer be requiring interstate movement permits for certain plant pests, pathogens, and biological control agents. This affects over 300 insects and other arthropods including 26 feeder roaches. It also includes the interstate movement of axenic cultures of approximately 40 fungi, bacteria, nematodes, and plant viruses. [These lists](#) of organisms are posted in the USDA-APHIS website, and will be updated over time.

This change only applies to the interstate movement of these species moving across state lines within the contiguous United States (also known as the "lower 48 states"). Permits are still required for shipping or receiving these species to/from Hawaii, Alaska, and the U.S. Territories such as Puerto Rico. Similarly, permits are required for importing them from foreign countries to any state or territory. USDA-APHIS will continue to require permits for moving these organisms across state lines if they originally came from foreign countries under permit.

USDA-APHIS will no longer enforce conditions on permits for species on the lists that meet the above criteria. We strongly recommend that you contact state regulatory officials to see if they have any state regulatory requirements for these species.

If you have any questions, please email us at: ([pest.permits@usda.gov](mailto:pest.permits@usda.gov)), call our customer service line at 301-851-2046.

Regards,

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