

Before the Administrator determines whether an irradiation facility is eligible for approval, an inspector will make a personal inspection of the facility to determine whether it complies with the standards of paragraph (c)(1) of this section.

(8) *Denial and withdrawal of approval.*

(i) The Administrator will withdraw the approval of any irradiation treatment facility when the irradiation processor requests in writing the withdrawal of approval.

(ii) The Administrator will deny or withdraw approval of an irradiation treatment facility when any provision of this section is not met. Before withdrawing or denying approval, the Administrator will inform the irradiation processor in writing of the reasons for the proposed action and provide the irradiation processor with an opportunity to respond. The Administrator will give the irradiation processor an opportunity for a hearing regarding any dispute of a material fact, in accordance with rules of practice that will be adopted for the proceeding. However, the Administrator will suspend approval pending final determination in the proceeding, if he or she determines that suspension is necessary to prevent the spread of any dangerous insect infestation. The suspension will be effective upon oral or written notification, whichever is earlier, to the irradiation processor. In the event of oral notification, written confirmation will be given to the irradiation processor within 10 days of the oral notification. The suspension will continue in effect pending completion of the proceeding and any judicial review of the proceeding.

(9) *Department not responsible for damage.* This treatment is approved to assure quarantine security against Mediterranean fruit fly. From the literature available, the fruits and vegetables authorized for treatment under this section are believed tolerant to the treatment; however, the facility operator and shipper are responsible for determination of tolerance. The Department of Agriculture and its inspectors assume no responsibility for any loss or damage resulting from any treatment prescribed or supervised. Additionally, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is

responsible for ensuring that irradiation facilities are constructed and operated in a safe manner. Further, the Food and Drug Administration is responsible for ensuring that irradiated foods are safe and wholesome for human consumption.

(d) *Premises.* A field, grove, or area that is located within the quarantined area but outside the infested core area, and that produces regulated articles, must receive regular treatments with malathion bait spray. These treatments must take place at 6 to 10-day intervals, starting a sufficient time before harvest (but not less than 30 days before harvest) to allow for completion of egg and larvae development of the Mediterranean fruit fly. Determination of the time period must be based on day degrees. Once treatment has begun, it must continue through the harvest period. The malathion bait spray treatment must be applied at a rate of 1.2 fluid ounces of technical grade malathion (1.4 ounces by weight) and 10.8 fluid ounces of protein hydrolysate (13.2 ounces by weight) per acre, for a total of 12 fluid ounces per acre.

(e) *Soil.* Soil within the drip area of plants that are producing or have produced the berries, fruits, nuts, and vegetables listed in §301.78-2(a) of this subpart: Apply diazinon at the rate of 5 pounds actual ingredient per acre to the soil within the drip area with sufficient water to wet the soil to a depth of at least ½ inch. Both immersion and pour-on treatment procedures are also acceptable.

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Subpart—Witchweed

QUARANTINE AND REGULATIONS

§ 301.80 Quarantine; restriction on interstate movement of specified regulated articles.

(a) *Notice of quarantine.* Pursuant to the provisions of sections 8 and 9 of the Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912, as amended, and section 106 of the

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Federal Plant Pest Act (7 U.S.C. 161, 162, 150ee), the Secretary of Agriculture heretofore determined, after public hearing, that it was necessary to quarantine the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, in order to prevent the spread of witchweed (*Striga* spp.), a parasitic plant which causes a dangerous disease of corn, sorghum, and other crops of the grass family, not theretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, and accordingly quarantined said States. Under the authority of said provisions, the Secretary hereby continues such quarantine in effect with respect to the interstate movement from the quarantined States of the articles described in paragraph (b) of this section, issues the regulations in this subpart governing such movement, and gives notice of said quarantine and regulations.

(b) *Quarantine restrictions on interstate movement of specified regulated articles.* No common carrier or other person shall move interstate from any quarantined State any of the following articles (defined in §301.80-1(p) as regulated articles), except in accordance with the conditions prescribed in this subpart:

- (1) Soil, compost, peat, humus, muck, and decomposed manure, separately or with other things; sand; and gravel.
- (2) Plants with roots.
- (3) Grass sod.
- (4) Plant crowns and roots for propagation.
- (5) True bulbs, corms, rhizomes, and tubers of ornamental plants.
- (6) Root crops, except those from which all soil has been removed.
- (7) Peanuts in shells and peanut shells, except boiled or roasted peanuts.
- (8) Small grains and soybeans.
- (9) Hay, straw, fodder, and plant litter of any kind.
- (10) Seed cotton and gin trash.
- (11) Stumpwood.
- (12) Long green cucumbers, cantaloupes, peppers, squash, tomatoes, and watermelons, except those from which all soil has been removed.
- (13) Pickling cucumbers, string beans, and field peas.
- (14) Cabbage, except firm heads with loose outer leaves removed.

(15) Leaf tobacco, except flue-cured leaf tobacco.

(16) Ear corn, except shucked ear corn.

(17) Sorghum.

(18) Used crates, boxes, burlap bags, and cotton-picking sacks, and other used farm products containers.

(19) Used farm tools.

(20) Used mechanized cultivating equipment and used harvesting equipment.

(21) Used mechanized soil-moving equipment.

(22) Any other products, articles, or means of conveyance, of any character whatsoever, not covered by paragraphs (b) (1) through (20) of this section, when it is determined by an inspector that they present a hazard of spread of witchweed, and the person in possession thereof has been so notified.

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§ 301.80-1 Definitions.

Terms used in the singular form in this subpart shall be deemed to import the plural, and vice versa, as the case may demand. The following terms, when used in this subpart, shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

(a) *Certificate.* A document issued or authorized to be issued under this subpart by an inspector to allow the interstate movement of regulated articles to any destination.

(b) *Compliance agreement.* A written agreement between a person engaged in growing, handling, or moving regulated articles, and the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs, wherein the former agrees to comply with the requirements of this subpart identified in the agreement by the inspector who executes the agreement on behalf of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs as applicable to the operations of such person.

(c) *Deputy Administrator.* The Deputy Administrator of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other officer or employee of said Service to whom authority to act in his stead has been or may hereafter be delegated.