

§ 330.203

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or such inspection is otherwise authorized.

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§ 330.203 Action on applications for permits to move plant pests; form of and conditions in permits.

The Deputy Administrator, having considered an application for permit to move a plant pest, shall approve or deny the application in accordance with § 330.204. If the application is denied, the applicant shall be furnished the reasons therefor. If the application is approved, the Deputy Administrator shall issue the permit including any conditions which, in the opinion of the Deputy Administrator, are necessary to prevent dissemination of plant pests into the United States or interstate. Such conditions may include requirements for inspection of the premises where the plant pests are to be handled, after their movement under the permits, to determine whether the facilities thereat are adequate to prevent plant pest dissemination and the conditions of the permit are otherwise being observed. Permits authorizing movement of plant pests through the United States will include shipping instructions as to routing, labelling, and similar requirements as conditions of the permits. Any applicable conditions prescribed in administrative instructions may be incorporated in a written permit by citation, but shall be applicable whether or not so cited. The Deputy Administrator may, prior to the issuance of the permit, require the applicant to agree in writing to the conditions under which the plant pests will be safeguarded. The permits may be issued in a prescribed form or in letter form, or a combination thereof. A permit without conditions may be issued orally.

§ 330.204 Denial or cancellation of permits; reconsiderations.

(a) The Deputy Administrator will deny an application for a permit to move a plant pest when, in his opinion, such movement would involve a danger of dissemination of the pest. Danger of

plant pest dissemination may be deemed to exist when:

(1) No acceptable safeguards adequate to prevent plant pest dissemination can be arranged;

(2) The destructive potential of the plant pest to plants, and parts and products thereof, should it escape despite proposed safeguards, outweighs the probable benefits to be derived from the proposed movement and use of the pest;

(3) The applicant, as a previous permittee, failed to maintain the safeguards or otherwise observe the conditions prescribed in a previous permit and failed to demonstrate his ability or intent to observe them in the future;

(4) The movement is adverse to the conduct of an eradication, suppression, control, or regulatory program of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; or

(5) The movement is objected to in writing by an appropriate official of a State, Territory or possession, or the District of Columbia on the ground it will involve a danger of dissemination of the plant pest into the State, Territory or possession, or District.

(b) The Deputy Administrator may cancel any outstanding permit whenever:

(1) Information is received subsequent to the issuance of the permit of circumstances that constitute cause for the denial of an application for permit under paragraph (a) of this section; or

(2) The permittee has not maintained the safeguards or otherwise observed the conditions specified in the permit or in any applicable regulations or administrative instructions.

(c) Any person denied a permit, or whose permit has been canceled, may request the Deputy Administrator in person or in writing for a reconsideration, and may submit any additional information he may have to support the original application.

§ 330.205 Disposal of plant pests when permits are canceled.

When an outstanding permit for the movement of a plant pest is canceled by the Deputy Administrator and not reinstated under § 330.204(c), the further movement of the plant pest covered

thereby into or through the United States, or interstate, is prohibited by the Federal Plant Pest Act unless authorized in another permit. The permittee should arrange for disposal of the plant pest involved in a manner satisfactory to the Deputy Administrator to prevent plant pest dissemination. The Deputy Administrator may, whenever he deems it necessary as an emergency measure in order to prevent the dissemination of any plant pest new to or not theretofore known to be widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, seize, quarantine, treat, apply other remedial measures to, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, in such manner as he deems appropriate, any plant pest which is moving without compliance with any conditions in the permit or the provisions of this part or after the permit has been canceled.

§ 330.206 Permits for plant pest movement associated with National Defense projects.

The Deputy Administrator will facilitate research associated with National Defense projects through issuance of permits for movement of plant pests for such research, upon receiving assurance satisfactory to him that adequate safeguards will surround utilization of the plant pests to prevent their dissemination.

§ 330.207 Permits for movement of organisms issued by other agencies.

Inspectors shall recognize permits for the movement of organisms issued under other acts by other Federal agencies. When such organisms are also plant pests, any further conditions of movement to carry out the purposes of the Federal Plant Pest Act which have been prescribed in administrative instructions, or in correspondence concerning a single shipment, shall be complied with but no additional permit will be required under this part.

§ 330.208 Courtesy permits.

The Deputy Administrator may issue permits for the movement into or through the United States, or interstate, or organisms which are not subject to regulation under the Federal Plant Pest Act or any other act, as a

courtesy to facilitate movement when the movement might otherwise be impeded because of the similarity of the organisms with others regulated under the Federal Plant Pest Act. He may likewise issue such permits on behalf of any agency requesting such action as a courtesy to facilitate movement for organisms not subject to regulation under the Federal Plant Pest Act but subject to regulation under some other act.

§ 330.209 Permits for means of conveyance.

No permit shall be required for movement into or through the United States from any place outside thereof, or interstate, of a means of conveyance unless the primary purpose of such movement of the means of conveyance is to move plant pests.

§ 330.210 Packing materials and containers for plant pest movement; host materials.

Plant pests moved into or through the United States, or interstate, must be free of soil, except when the Deputy Administrator approves in the permit the movement of soil with the plant pest. Subject to this exception, only approved packing materials are to be employed in the shipment of plant pests. Approved packing materials for the movement of plant pests under this part will be prescribed in administrative instructions or approved in specific cases by the Deputy Administrator. Such actions will be coordinated with and may supplement any requirements of the Post Office Department governing packing and packaging of any materials for movements covered by the postal laws and regulations. All containers shall be stoutly constructed so as to prevent breakage in transit and danger of plant pest dissemination and shall be labeled in accordance with § 330.211. The Deputy Administrator may allow the movement of host materials with plant pests under permits when they must necessarily accompany the pests, although such movement is otherwise barred under the Plant Quarantine Act.