

Supplementary information:

Information sources relating to the current status of foreign and domestic soil quarantines

Section 4 of the CA (PPQ Form 519) lists the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) references for the relevant Federal domestic soil quarantines in place at the time the document was prepared. The CFR are generally updated in print annually. The section on agricultural regulations, Title 7, is revised as of January 1 of each year. The most current official version of the CFR can be searched online at:

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>.

Part 301 of Title 7 contains information on domestic quarantines, Part 318 deals with Hawaiian and territorial quarantines, and Part 319 contains information on foreign quarantine notices. Additional soil-related regulations are covered in Part 330. In addition to the Parts mentioned, there may be other sections that discuss regulations affecting movement of soil.

A related information resource is the e-CFR located at:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>

The e-CFR is updated daily and is one of the most readily accessible sources of recent changes to the CFR, however, at this time it is not considered to be an official legal edition of the CFR (see disclaimer located at:

<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/ECFR?page=browse>

Existing Federal quarantines are subject to change and new quarantines will be established as the need arises. These and other significant and timely changes to phytosanitary regulations or emerging phytosanitary issues are frequently announced by PPQ administrative personnel in SPRO Letters. SPRO Letters are available on the National Plant Board website at:

<http://nationalplantboard.org/laws/spro.html>.

Maps depicting current updates of regulated areas for domestic quarantines such as imported fire ants, karnal bunt, *Phytophthora ramorum*, fruit flies, and golden and potato cyst nematodes, are available on the websites for the individual pest programs. The pest program websites can be accessed at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/index.shtml

(Note: what may appear to be spaces in the address are actually underscores [_]). No map is currently provided that illustrates the areas quarantined for witchweed. However, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services posts a map that generally depicts the quarantined areas at: <http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/plant/weed/witchnc.htm>.

Note: All seven of the counties illustrated (5 in NC, 2 in SC) are also quarantined in their entirety for imported fire ant, so any untreated soil samples originating from anywhere within these counties and transported to Nebraska for non-biological purposes would be regulated and

require authorization under a soil CA, even if they originated from portions of the counties that were not quarantined for witchweed.

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Soil Permit application/renewal procedure and the transition to ePermits

The permitting procedure has recently transitioned from a hard copy system to a web-based electronic system known as ePermits. Access to the system for permit application and management purposes requires creation of a Level 2 Access account and completion of a user identity verification procedure known as eAuthentication. Information on setting up your Level 2 Access account and becoming eAuthenticated can be found at:

<https://www.eauth.usda.gov/MainPages/index.aspx>

Detailed instructions on completing the process are available at:

https://www.eauth.usda.gov/GlobalAssets/Documents/USDA_eAuth_Registration_External.pdf

eAuthentication involves presentation of a government-issued photo ID document (such as a driver's license) to a Local Registration Authority (LRA) after you have created your Level 2 Access account online. LRA's are available at your local USDA-APHIS-PPQ office and at most local Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA) offices. Contact information for the other USDA-APHIS PPQ SPHD offices is available at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/services/report_pest_disease/report_pest_disease.shtml.

Contact information for USDA-FSA offices in Indiana can be found at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateoffapp?mystate=in&area=home&subject=landing&topic=landing>

(Click on the County Offices link on the left hand side of the page; for the contact information for offices in other states, click on the State Offices link at the top center of the page).

For assistance if problems are encountered associated with eAuthentication and/or in accessing the system, contact the **APHIS eAuthentication Help Desk at 1-800-457-3642 (for issues relating to resetting your password call 1-866-794-2827)**. For assistance with questions specifically associated with a permit, contact the **Permit Unit's Customer Support Center at 301 734-0841, 301-734-0755 or toll free at 866-524-5421**. If an accidental release is to be reported or if assistance with compliance questions is needed, contact **Permit Compliance at 866-524-5421**.

In spite of the renewal option that appears in the application window in ePermits, renewals are no longer processed. **If you have a current PPQ 525 permit and wish to extend your authorization beyond its listed expiration date, you must submit an application for a new permit.**

All permit applications are processed in the order in which they are received in the system. Processing time cannot be predicted and may vary substantially from one permit to the next depending upon the number of applications ahead of it in the queue, the complexity of the request and its associated perceived risk, available resources for application review, etc. Consequently, it is strongly recommended that you submit your application at least 3 months in advance of the anticipated time it is needed.

Note: If an account in ePermits is idle (without a logon) for more than 180 days, the password is disabled. If an account is left idle for more than 400 days, the account is disabled. Reactivation will require assistance from the eAuthentication Help Desk.

Quick Reference Links for Information on SOIL PPQ 525:

All information on soil	http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/organism/soil/index.shtml
Soil hand carry information	http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/organism/soil/handcarry.shtml [(redandwhitelabelrequest@aphis.usda.gov) or telephone (866-524-5421)] for notification
Soil Circular	http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/organism/soil/downloads/soil-circular.pdf
USDA APHIS Inspected Facilities Authorized to Receive Soil	https://web01.aphis.usda.gov/PPQ/AuthSoilLabs.nsf/web?openform
PPQ 550 Label Request	BlackWhiteGreenYellow.labelrequest@aphis.usda.gov
Soil Movement CFR 330.300 Regulations	http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&SID=ed57d052fe43ced6d11eac0c8346bb02&rgn=div5&view=text&node=7:5.1.1.1.8&idno=7#7:5.1.1.1.8.3.42.1
Options to print form (pdf) and send by mail	PPQ 525 - Application for permit to receive soil <u>OR</u> http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/downloads/forms/ppqform525a.pdf
Soil: Frequently Asked Questions	http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/permits/faq/soil_faqs.shtml