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PLANT CERTIFICATION

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Dear Plant Producer or Plant Dealer/Landscaper:

Enclosed in this letter you will find information regarding updates for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD), The Pest Plant Rule, Landscaper Rule and Imported Fire Ant quarantined zones. Proper use of certificates and compliance documentation are also addressed.

Boxwood Blight

Boxwood Blight has been found in Tennessee in 2014 and 2015. Boxwood growers should contact their inspector to obtain a compliance agreement. Boxwood buyers should ask for Boxwood Blight Cleanliness Program Compliance Agreements from their suppliers. For more information on Boxwood Blight click here:

<http://americanhort.theknowledgecenter.com/OnDemand/index.cfm?view=category&colid=142&cid=324>

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

There are now 37 counties in Tennessee that have infestations. The six US states with HWA quarantines are Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Ohio, Vermont and Wisconsin. Canada also has a HWA quarantine in effect. For a map of HWA in Tennessee as well as additional information visit:

<http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/article/ag-businesses-hwa>

Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine Chapter 0080-06-10

effective February 28, 2011.

In Tennessee, Emerald Ash Borer quarantines exist for 46 counties. They include **Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Cumberland, Davidson, Fentress, Franklin, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Macon, Marshall, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Rutherford, Scott, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Washington and Williamson Counties**. Check website for additional counties that may have been added. Regulated items restricted for movement include firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species; nursery stock, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch and composted and un-composted chips of the genus *Fraxinus*. More information on Emerald Ash Borer can be found at: <http://tn.gov/agriculture/topic/ag-businesses-eab>

Thousand Cankers Disease Chapter 0080-06-11

effective August 15, 2011

Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) is a progressive disease that kills a tree within two to three years after appearance of the initial infection. The disease-causing fungus, *Geosmithia*, is transmitted by a small twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*). Thousand Cankers Disease was identified in Black Walnut trees in **Knox County** in July 2010 and **Blount County** in August 2010. These were the first identifications east of the state of Colorado. The quarantine will restrict the movement of nursery stock, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, mulch and composted and un-composted chips of the genus *Juglans* (Walnut). **Anderson, Blount, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Rhea, Sevier and Union Counties** are quarantined for TCD. **Bledsoe, Bradley, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Roane, Scott and Sequatchie counties** are in the regulated buffer area. Check website for additional counties that may have been added. Up to date information may be found at:

<http://tn.gov/agriculture/topic/ag-businesses-tcd>

Amended Pest Plant List – Effective April 13, 2009

Found at: <http://share.tn.gov/sos/rules/0080/0080-06/0080-06-24.20090413.pdf>

The Pest Plant Rule Chapter 0080-06-24 was amended to include the following plants:

Ligustrum sinense, Chinese Privet, *Ligustrum vulgare*, Common Privet, European Privet, *Lonicera maackii*, Shrub Honeysuckle, Amur Honeysuckle, *Lonicera morrowii*, Morrows Bush Honeysuckle, Morrow's Honeysuckle, *Lonicera x bella*, Bell's Honeysuckle, *Rosa multiflora*, Multiflora Rose, *Elaeagnus umbellata*, Autumn Olive, *Elaeagnus pungens*, Thorny Olive, *Salvinia molesta*, Giant Salvinia, *Commelina benghalensis*, Tropical Spiderwort, *Imperata cylindrica*, Cogongrass, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Lythrum virgatum* and related cultivars, Purple Loosestrife, *Solanum viarum*, Tropical Soda Apple.

