NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** United States of America  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** *Fragaria* spp.*, Rosa* spp., and *Rubus* spp. plants |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[ ]** **All trading partners**  **[****X] Specific regions or countries:** Canada |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** APHIS amends entry requirements for importation of *Fragaria* spp.*, Rosa* spp., and *Rubus* spp. plants from Canada into the United States to prevent the entry of the strawberry blossom weevil (*Anthonomus rubi*) by Federal Order. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3  <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/federal-import-orders> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Effective 14 September 2021, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the entry requirements for the importation of *Fragaria* spp., *Rosa* spp., and *Rubus* spp. plants produced in Canada to prevent the introduction of the strawberry blossom weevil (*Anthonomus rubi*) into the United States. To prevent introduction of strawberry blossom weevil (*Anthonomus rubi*) into the United States, APHIS requires that *Fragaria* spp., *Rosa* spp., and *Rubus* spp. plants for planting produced in Canada must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with additional declarations described by Federal Emergency Order. The imported plants from Canada must have been produced and certified by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Canada as a pest-free place of production or a pest free production site for the strawberry blossom weevil (*Anthonomus rubi*) following the requirements of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures-10. The shipment has been inspected and found to be free of the strawberry blossom weevil (*Anthonomus rubi*).  Strawberry blossom weevil is a serious pest of strawberry (*Fragaria* spp.) and raspberry (*Rubus* spp.). Blackberry (*Rubus* spp.) and rose (*Rosa* spp.) are considered occasional hosts. When imported as plants for planting these hosts represent a pathway for the entry of this pest into the United States. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) reported strawberry blossom weevil populations being detected in British Columbia, Canada. This detection is the first confirmed report of this pest in North America. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [ ]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [****X] plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** The strawberry blossom weevil females lay eggs in unopened flower buds of their hosts. The female will then chew through the stem just below the bud, and the bud will drop from the plant. Eggs, larvae, and pupae are found inside closed flower buds of host plants. The larvae feed and develop in the "clipped" bud, which will reduce the total number of viable buds on the plant. The lost bud will not be able to produce a fruit once clipped. In Europe, this pest has caused up to 80% loss of the berry crop. *Fragaria* spp. and *Rosa* spp. plants for planting from Canada require a phytosanitary certificate if not produced through the United States-Canada Greenhouse Grown Plant Certification Program (GCP) or the Canadian Nursery Certification Program (CNCP). This Federal Order modifies the entry requirements for *Fragaria* spp., *Rosa* spp., and *Rubus* spp. plants for planting from Canada. *Fragaria* spp. and *Rosa* spp. plants for planting from Canada imported under the GCP and the CNCP will be allowed only after implementation of the pest module for *Anthonomus rubi.* |
| **9.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [ ]** **No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **10.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of 20 June 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). Under the Act, the Secretary may prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction into the United States or the dissemination of a plant pest or noxious weed within the United States. The regulatory authority provided by 7 U.S.C. 7754 allows the Secretary to issue orders to carry out this provision of the Plant Protection Act (available in English). |
| **11.** | **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** To be determined.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  Senior Regulatory Specialist Narasimha Chary Samboju, at +(301) 851 2038 or narasimha.c.samboju@usda.gov |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/federal-import-orders](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/federal-import-orders" \t "_blank) |