



**Summary of Requirements for the Import of Nursery Material from the United States
Related to the Control of the Entry of the Disease Sudden Oak Death**

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Sudden Oak Death is a serious disease of oaks that is not known to occur in Canada. The disease has been found to be widely distributed throughout central and northern California and in nursery plantings in Germany and the Netherlands.

Canada has established a regulatory policy that controls only those pathways that are believed by science to play a role in the spread of the disease. These include:

1. Untreated forest products of host species,
2. Propagative and non-propagative plant material of the host species,
3. Soil, which has also been identified as a pathway in the spread of this and other related diseases.

The policy directive “*D-01-01, Interim Phytosanitary Requirements to Prevent the Entry of Phytophthora Ramorum Associated with Sudden Oak Death from the Netherlands, Germany and the United States*” outlines these regulatory requirements and is maintained on the CFIA web site at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-01-01e.shtml>

A list of regulated host species is maintained on the CFIA web site at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/sodspe.shtml>

A list of regulated areas is available at: www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/sodmsce.shtml

The policy directive “*D-96-20, Canadian Growing Media Program (CGMP), Prior*

Host nursery stock from regulated areas is prohibited

Non-host nursery stock imported from regulated areas must be:

4. Accompanied by a permit to import and a phytosanitary certificate **and**,
5. Imported free of soil or,
 1. If from an **known infested county**, imported in media approved under the Canadian Growing Media Program (see below), or,
 2. If **from a county believed to be free of the disease**, the nursery stock may be imported in media certified regulatory officials as being free of soil and bark of host species of Sudden Oak Death.
6. A list of infested counties is maintained on the CFIA web site at: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/sodmsce.shtml>
5. Advise the exporting facility to contact a Canadian importer before

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Approval Process and Import Requirements for Plants Rooted in Approved Media"

provides the details on the process of approval in the Canadian Growing Media Program. The policy can be accessed through the CFIA web site at:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-96-20e.shtml>

At present there are no nurseries in regulated areas that are approved under the Canadian Growing Media Program. Nurseries may become approved under the Canadian Growing Media Program by:

1. The exporting plant production facility or the broker must first contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture or State Agriculture authority to discuss prior approval procedures or to initiate a review.
2. The USDA or State Agriculture authority will then:
 1. Inspect the new production facility to ensure compliance with the requirements specified in the policy directive listed in #8 above.
 2. Sample plants and growing media of each genera to be exported to Canada.
 3. Evaluate the samples to ensure compliance with the policy requirements
 4. Recommend (in writing to CFIA) the plant production facility's eligibility to participate in the CGMP.

sending representative samples to CFIA for evaluation.

3. A Canadian importer must apply and obtain a Canadian Permit to Import for the evaluation of samples from the exporting facility. The Application for Permit to Import must specify which growing media and plant genera and species the foreign plant production facility is intending to send for evaluation.
4. Once the Permit to Import is issued, the exporting facility sends representative samples to CFIA for evaluation
5. CFIA may approve the exporting facility to ship materials in the approved media to Canada

The import of nursery stock from non-regulated areas of the U.S. are subject to import requirements specified in other policy directives and are not subject to requirements in D-01-01. Please consult the CFIA web site or contact a local office for details.

Epiphytic orchids, and seeds and fruit of hosts and non hosts are exempt from policy requirements provided these items are imported to Canada free of bark of host species or soil. Further information on requirements for the import of orchids may be found by consulting the policy "D-96-09, Plant Protection Import Requirements for Orchid Plants" which may be accessed at: www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-96-09e.shtml

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