

SUBCHAPTER 15

INTRODUCTION OF MYRTACEAE

§4-70-55 Notice of quarantine. The board has determined that there exists serious danger to all ohia (*Metrosideros* spp.), the ohia forests of Hawaii, and horticultural and agricultural industries from the introduction of new strains of the ohia rust, *Puccinia psidii*, and other disease pathogens and insects not now established in Hawaii.

§4-70-56 Prohibited introduction. The introduction of any Myrtaceae (Myrtle family) plant, plant part, or seed into Hawaii is prohibited except:

- (1) Dried non-living plant materials;
- (2) Seeds, with no other plant fragments, that have been surface-sterilized using treatments approved by the chief;
- (3) Tissue cultured plants grown in sterile media and in a completely enclosed sterile glass flask or other similar container; or
- (4) By approved permit pursuant to section 4-70-57.

§4-70-57 Permits. Upon written request, a permit may be issued by the chief authorizing the importation of a limited quantity of plants in the family Myrtaceae for propagation under the branch's supervision in a strictly enforced quarantine appropriate to contain *Puccinia psidii*, and other pests pursuant to sections 4-70-3, 4-70-4, 4-70-5, and 4-70-6.