

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Amendment and Compilation of Chapter 4-72  
Hawaii Administrative Rules

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SUMMARY

1. Title amended.
2. A new subchapter 1, consisting of §§4-72-1 through 4-72-14, is added.
3. §§4-72-1 through 4-72-4 are amended.
4. §4-72-4.5 is repealed.
5. New §§4-72-5 through 4-72-14 are added.
6. A new subchapter 2, consisting of §§4-72-15 through 4-72-23, is added.
7. Previous §§4-72-5 through 4-72-13 are renumbered and amended.
8. A new §4-72-23 is added.
9. Chapter 4-72 is compiled.

HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
TITLE 4 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
SUBTITLE 6 DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
CHAPTER 72

PLANT AND NON-DOMESTIC ANIMAL QUARANTINE  
PLANT AND PEST HOST MATERIAL INTRASTATE RULES

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Historical note: Chapter 72 of Title 4 is based substantially upon Regulation 4 entitled "Concerning Transportation of Plant or Parts of Same, Plant Materials and Plant Products Between the Hawaiian Islands," of the Division of Entomology, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry [Eff 12/12/41 as Reg 14; ren Reg 4 8/30/47; R 7/13/81]; Regulation 4.1 entitled "Concerning Transportation of Plants or Parts of Same, Plant Materials or Plant Products from Oahu to Other Islands of the Hawaiian Group," of the Division of Entomology, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry [Eff 12/12/41 as §2 of Reg 14; ren Re 4.1 8/30/47; R 7/13/81]; Regulation 4.2 entitled "Concerning the Transportation of Soil, Earth or Sand from the Islands of Oahu, Hawaii, Lanai and Kauai to Other Islands of the Hawaiian Group," of the Division of Entomology, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry [Eff 12/12/41 as §§4 and 5 of Reg 14; ren Reg 4.2 8/30/47; R 7/13/81]; Regulation 4.3 entitled "Concerning the Movement of Fern Plants or Parts Thereof Between the Islands of the Hawaiian Group," of the Division of Entomology, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry [Eff 12/12/41 as Reg 15; ren Reg 4.3 8/30/47; R 7/13/81]; Regulation 4.4 [E]ntitled "Concerning the Giant African Snail (Achatina Fulica Bowdich)," of the Division of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture [Eff 7/1/42 as Reg 18; ren Reg 4.4 8/30/47; am 5/26/64; R 7/13/81]; and Regulation 4.7 entitled "Concerning the Transportation of Cactus or Cactaceous Plants or Parts Thereof from the Island of Hawaii to Other Islands of the Hawaiian Group," of the Division of Entomology, Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am 4/13/1998; comp 2/24/12]. (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§ 141-2, 150A-8)

SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§4-72-1 Objective.** The objective of this chapter is to implement the requirements of chapters 141 and 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by restricting or prohibiting the interisland and intraisland transportation of plant pests and infested or infected pest host material to prevent the spread and establishment of plant pests detrimental to agriculture, horticultural industries and forest lands on uninfested islands and in uninfested localities of the State. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am 4/13/1998; comp 2/24/12; am and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-2 Definitions.** As used in this chapter:  
"Advisory Committee" means the advisory committee on plants and animals;

"Animal manure" means manure from poultry or livestock;

"Board" means the board of agriculture;

"Chief" means chief of the plant quarantine branch;

"Compliance agreement" means a written agreement between the department and a person who carries out commercial activities that includes any terms or conditions the chief determines will slow or prevent the spread of a pest. A compliance agreement between the department and a person is a permit issued by the department to that person for the purposes of section 150A-8, HRS.

"Department" means the department of agriculture;

"Infested" means harboring a pest;



"Infested area" means an island or locality within the State where a specific pest is known to be established;

"Person" means any individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, or other entity, including a governmental or not-for-profit entity;

"Pest" means any animal, insect, disease agent or other organism in any stage of development that is detrimental or potentially harmful to agriculture, or horticulture, or animal or public health, or natural resources including native biota or has an adverse effect on the environment as determined by the board;

"Pest host material" means any plant, propagative plant part, non-propagative plant part, soil, or any other thing that is found to be transporting or harboring an insect, disease, or pest;

"Restricted area" means an island or locality within the State where a specific pest is not known to be established or where an eradication or control project for a specified pest is being conducted by the department;

"Soil" means that part of the upper layer of earth in which plants can grow; this material may or may not contain organic matter and includes such planting media as deteriorated peat; and

"State" means the State of Hawaii. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am and comp 2/24/12; am and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-3 Inspectional requirements.** (a) Except as provided in section 4-72-4(c), plants, propagative plant parts, and soil shall be inspected prior to being transported between the islands of the State. A certificate of inspection shall indicate satisfaction of the requirement for inspection.

(b) Cut or harvested flowers, foliage, fruits, vegetable, and other non-propagative plant parts need not be inspected prior to being transported between the islands of the State; provided that these

commodities do not have additional requirements found within this chapter, and may be subject to inspection at either the port of departure or port of entry[-], at the discretion of the department. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am and comp 2/24/12; am and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-4 Prohibited transportations.** (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), the interisland transportation of plants, propagative plant parts, or soil that is not inspected pursuant to section 3, is prohibited.

(b) Pest host material that is infested or infected with an insect, disease, or pest, or that is itself a pest shall not be transported between the islands or from one part or locality of any island to another part or locality of the same island unless it has been subjected to an appropriate treatment, as approved by the chief. Appropriate treatment may include, but is not limited to, pesticide or fumigation treatment. The chief may, however, authorize the transportation of an untreated infested or infected pest host material to an island or location where the insect, disease, or pest is known to be established.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) and section 3, plants, plant parts, soil, or pest host material infested or infected with an insect, disease, or pest may be transported without inspection between islands or between parts or localities of the same island:

- (1) For diagnostics, research, testing, or educational purposes by the department; or
- (2) Pursuant to a permit approved by the chief and issued to an institution approved by the board, a government agency, or a university for diagnostics, research, testing, or educational purposes at a site inspected and approved by the chief prior to movement. [Eff 7/13/81; am and comp 9/19/91; am and comp

2/24/12; am and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS  
§§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-5 Prohibition on movement of infested material.** (a) The chief may prohibit the movement of any pest host material that is offered for sale, for barter, or by donation or otherwise to be given away to the public if the chief determines that the pest host material is infested or infected with an insect, disease, or pest. The chief may compel treatment or destruction of the material per subsection (b). If such material was or is stored in an area that is infested or infected with an insect, disease, or pest, then the chief may require appropriate treatment of the area prior to authorizing the movement of the material.

(b) An item subject to the prohibition in subsection (a) shall be:

- (1) Subjected to a treatment to eradicate the insect, disease, or pest, as approved and supervised by the chief;
- (2) Destroyed using a method approved and supervised by the chief; or
- (3) If not treated or destroyed under paragraphs (1) or (2), then:
  - (A) Transported only pursuant to a permit issued by the chief; or
  - (B) Subject to any other disposition approved by the chief, including authorizing the transportation of untreated infested or infected pest host material or an insect, disease, or pest to an island or location where the target insect, disease, or pest is known to be established. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)



**§4-72-6 Restrictions on transport, harboring, rearing, or breeding of pests.** (a) The transport, harboring, rearing, or breeding of any pest is prohibited except:

- (1) For diagnostics, research, testing, or educational purposes by the department;
- (2) Pursuant to a permit approved by the chief and issued to an institution approved by the board; or
- (3) By a government agency, or a university for diagnostics, research, testing, or educational purposes at a site inspected and approved by the chief prior to movement.  
[Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am and comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-8, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9, 150A-53)  
(Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8, 150A-53)

**§4-72-7 User permit and site inspection fees.**

(a) A fee for the processing of an application and issuance of a permit under this chapter is as follows:

- (1) \$20 per permit for a single shipment within one year from the date of issuance;
- (2) \$100 per permit for unlimited shipments within one year from the date of issuance; and
- (3) All applicable fees shall be paid in full at the time of request and are non-refundable except as approved by the chief.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a), a fee for a site inspection as required by this chapter or by permit conditions shall be \$25 per site inspection, plus mileage reimbursement. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-7.5, 150A-7.6, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9)



**§4-72-8 Inspection fees.** (a) Fees for inspections pursuant to this chapter are as follows:

- (1) A fee of \$50 for any inspection, safeguarding, witnessing treatment, or certification requiring the services of personnel beyond regular work hours, including applicable charges for overtime wages, fixed charges for personnel services, and meals as appropriate;
- (2) A fee of \$50 per hour for any inspection conducted away from the port or department office during regular work hours pursuant to requirements for certification, interisland or intraisland movement, or disposition other than release at a port of arrival, such as witnessing departure, destruction, or treatment.

(b) In addition to any fee required by subsection (a), all inspections shall include mileage reimbursement.

(c) The person receiving the inspection shall be responsible for all costs, charges, treatment, destruction, or expenses incident to the inspection of the material, as appropriate. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-7.5, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9)

**§4-72-9 Economic loss or damages.** The State shall not be responsible for any economic loss or damages related to any actions by the department pursuant to this chapter. Actions include treatment, quarantine, or destruction of any item. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 141-3, 141-5, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 141-3, 141-5, 150A-8)

**§4-72-10 Designation of infested areas; expansion.** (a) If the infested area of a pest is designated by rule, including interim rule, that area

may be expanded by an order of the board to reflect the spread of a specific pest infestation in order to implement quarantine measures to prevent movement of the pest and its pest host material from the infested area to restricted areas, provided that:

- (1) The board first obtains advice from qualified persons with relevant expertise, but need not obtain advisory committee review;
- (2) The board designates the expanded infested area, identifying the revised geographical extent of the infestation;
- (3) The department issues a press release describing the expansion of the infested area prior to the effective date of designation of the expanded infested area; and
- (4) Notice of the board's action, including its effective date, is posted by the following day on the department's website and is given in a daily or weekly publication of statewide circulation or in separate daily or weekly publications whose combined circulation is statewide, within twelve days of the board's action.

(b) The board's designation of an expanded infested area shall be effective the day following the board's action, unless a later effective date is specified by the board's action. [Eff and comp 2/24/12; am and ren S4-72-10; and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9, 150A-9.5) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**S4-72-11 Penalties.** Any person who violates any provision or requirement of this chapter or of any notice given pursuant thereto, shall be subject to the penalties provided for under section 150A-14, HRS, or section 141-7, HRS, if appropriate. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025] (Auth: HRS §§141-7, 150A-9, 150A-14) (Imp: HRS §§141-7, 150A-14)

**§4-72-12 Scientific and common names.** If the scientific name or common name of a taxon referred to in this chapter is changed to a new scientific name or common name accepted by the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN) or the International Plant Names Index (IPNI) the reference in this chapter shall be construed to refer to the new scientific name or common name, as appropriate. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9)

**§4-72-13 Severability.** If any provision of this chapter is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality and validity of the remainder of this chapter and applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9)

**§4-72-14 Reserved.**

SUBCHAPTER 2

INTRASTATE RESTRICTIONS

**§4-72-15 Examples of regulated pests.** Examples of taxa that are pests include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Oriental beetle - Anomala orientalis (Waterhouse), a serious insect pest of sugarcane;
- (2) Fern weevil - Syagrius fulvitaris



- Pascoe, an insect pest injurious to fern plants;
- (3) Giant African snail - Lissachatina fulica (Bowdich), a serious pest of horticultural and vegetable crops;
  - (4) Cactus mealybug - Dactylopius opuntiae (Cockerell) and other insects feeding on *Opuntia* species of cactus, pests injurious to cactus utilized for forage or ornamental purposes;
  - (5) Hunting billbug - Sphenophorus venatus vestitus Chittenden, a serious insect pest of turf and range grasses;
  - (6) Coconut scale - Aspidiotus destructor Signoret, a serious insect pest of palms, bananas, and more than 400 more plants;
  - (7) Sugarcane smut - Ustilago scitaminea Syd., a serious fungus disease of sugarcane;
  - (8) Papaya ringspot virus, a serious virus disease of papaya;
  - (9) Orange spiny whitefly - Aleurocanthus spiniferus (Quaintance), a serious insect pest of rose and citrus;
  - (10) Bristly rose slug - Cladius difformis (Panzar), a pest injurious to the rose plant;
  - (11) Croton whitefly - Orchamoplatus mammaeferus (Quaintance and Baker), a serious insect pest of croton and citrus;
  - (12) Anthurium whitefly - Aleurotulus anthuricola Nakahara, a serious insect pest of anthurium;
  - (13) An anthurium whitefly - Crenidorsum aroidephagus Martin & Aguiar, a serious insect pest of anthurium, philodendron, and monstera;
  - (14) Eurasian pine aphid - Pineus pini (Macquart), a serious insect pest of pine;
  - (15) Fiery skipper - Hylephila phyleus (Drury), a serious pest of turf and pasture grasses and ornamental sedges;
  - (16) Taro root aphid - Pemphigus

- populitransversus Riley, a serious pest of dryland taro;
- (17) Eucalyptus canker - Chrysosporthe cubensis (Bruner) Gryzenh. & M.J. Wingf., a serious disease of *Eucalyptus* species;
  - (18) Giant salvinia - Salvinia molesta Mitchell;
  - (19) Water spangles - Salvinia minima Baker;
  - (20) Water lettuce - Pistia stratiotes L.;
  - (21) Fusarium wilt of banana - Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense W.C. Snyder & H.N. Hansen;
  - (22) Citrus huanglongbing - Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus Jagoueix, Bové & Garnier, responsible for citrus greening;
  - (23) Palm lethal yellows - Candidatus Phytoplasma palmae (16SrIV-A subgroup), responsible for lethal diseases of palm;
  - (24) Colocasia bobone disease associated virus - Cytorhabdovirus colocasiae, a lethal pathogen associated with alomae bobone disease of taro;
  - (25) Sweet potato virus disease - Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus, a lethal disease of sweet potato; and
  - (26) Hala scale - Thysanococcus pandani Stickney, a serious pest of hala, an environmentally and culturally significant indigenous plant;
  - (27) Macadamia felted coccid - Acanthococcus ironsidei (Williams, 1973), a detrimental pest to the macadamia nut industry in Hawaii;
  - (28) Acalolepta aesthetica (Olliff), an invasive longhorn beetle that attacks many plant species;
  - (29) Two-lined spittlebug - Prosapia bincta (Say), a serious pest of range grasses;
  - (30) Citrus canker - Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri, a serious disease of citrus;
  - (31) Citrus black spot - Phyllosticta citricarpa (McAlpine) Aa, a serious disease

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- of citrus; and
- (32) Any taxa designated as a pest for control or eradication pursuant to chapter 4-69A, including any taxa designated as a noxious weed pursuant to chapter 4-68. [Eff 7/13/81; am and comp 9/19/91; comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-5, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-16 Restrictions on sugarcane.** (a)

Transportation of sugarcane plants and parts thereof including leaves, roots, and cuttings which are hosts of the oriental beetle and sugarcane smut disease shall be prohibited from an infested area to a restricted area for the oriental beetle and sugarcane smut disease except by permit pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) A permit may be issued by the chief to the Hawaii Agricultural Research Center (HARC) and to persons conducting research under the auspices of the HARC or a university or government agency for the transportation of a limited quantity of sugarcane plants and parts from an infested area to a restricted area for the oriental beetle or sugarcane smut disease. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-6, comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-17 Restrictions on soil, sand, and animal manure.** (a) Transportation of the following is prohibited from an infested island to a restricted island for the oriental beetle:

- (1) Soil, sand contaminated with visible amounts of soil, and animal manure in bulk shipment or in individual containers except by permit issued pursuant to subsection (b); and



- (2) A plant in soil, sand, or soil-less planting media except:
  - (A) A plant from a certified nursery;
  - (B) A plant from a commercial nursery located 1/4 mile or further from a field planted in sugarcane;
  - (C) A plant that has been verified by an inspector as grown in a locality 1/4 mile or further from a field planted in sugarcane;
  - (D) A plant that has been treated with an appropriate soil pesticide;
  - (E) A plant that has been bare-rooted; or
  - (F) Plants in cinders, hapuu or other artificial planting media.
- (b) Permits required pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall be issued by the chief under the following circumstances:
  - (1) Fresh or composted animal manure that has not supported any plant growth from an area located 1/4 mile or further from any field planted in sugarcane;
  - (2) Animal manure, soil, and sand contaminated with soil that has been fumigated, treated with an appropriate pesticide, or subjected to a treatment, as approved and witnessed by the chief; or
  - (3) For diagnostic purpose by an institution approved by the board, a university, or government agency. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-7, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-18 Restrictions on dasheen and taro.**

Transportation of dasheen and taro are prohibited from an infested island to a restricted island for taro root aphid except:

- (1) Taro consigned to a poi factory or other food processing plant;

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- (2) Dasheen and taro consigned to produce wholesalers, supermarkets, retail food stores, and restaurants;
- (3) Taro verified as wetland taro; and
- (4) Taro consigned to individuals for food preparation with the corm's "huli" removed. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-8, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**4-72-19 Restrictions on papaya and cucurbit.**

Transportation of papaya *Carica papaya* and cucurbit (plants in the family *Cucurbitaceae* plants and plant parts except seed and fruit are prohibited from an infested area to a restricted area for papaya ringspot virus disease. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-10, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-20 Restrictions on banana.** (a)

Transportation of banana plants and plant parts except fruits is prohibited from the island of Oahu and from the North Kona and South Kona Districts on the island of Hawaii, which are banana bunchy top virus infested areas, or from a *Fusarium* tropical race 4 infested area, to other islands and localities within the State except by permit pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) A permit to allow transportation of banana plants and plant parts from an infested area may be issued by the chief subject to permit conditions established by the board to prevent the movement of banana bunchy top virus from banana bunchy top virus infested areas. The chief may, without submitting a permit application to the board, approve the issuance of a permit with conditions previously

mandated by the board upon the chief's determination that, for the proposed transport, the previously established conditions are adequate to preserve the quarantine. [Eff 7/13/81; comp 9/19/91; am 4/13/98; am and comp 2/24/12; ren §4-72-11 and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-21 Restrictions on coffee.** (a)

Transportation of coffee plants and parts thereof, including unroasted seeds (green coffee beans), used coffee bags, and coffee harvesting equipment, including baskets, sacks, or containers, is prohibited from a coffee berry borer infested area to a coffee berry borer restricted area except by permit pursuant to subsection (b).

(b) A permit may be issued by the chief for the transportation of a commodity or item listed in subsection (a), with conditions established by the chief appropriate for each of the following circumstances:

- (1) Coffee plants and plant parts for propagation when subject to treatment with an approved pesticide, and grown and monitored in quarantine for a period of not less than one year at a State facility or other facility approved by the chief;
- (2) Coffee plants and plant parts that have been shipped using safeguards approved by the chief to an approved facility for research purposes;
- (3) Roasting of green coffee beans that have been subjected to treatments approved by the chief;
- (4) Roasting of untreated green coffee beans that have been shipped using safeguards approved by the chief to an approved facility that is located at least 5 miles away from a commercial coffee growing area;



- (5) Used coffee bags that have been subjected to treatments approved by the chief; or
- (6) Coffee harvesting equipment that has been subjected to treatments approved by the chief.

(c) The chief is authorized to approve treatments and mitigative measures as they are scientifically validated and may revise permit conditions accordingly, as necessary to prevent movement of the coffee berry borer from the infested area and to preserve the quarantine. Organic treatment methods are available, as approved by the chief.

(d) Coffee plants, plant parts, green coffee beans, and used coffee bags for export are not subject to quarantine restrictions, provided that they are exported directly from the coffee berry borer infested area and are not transshipped through a coffee berry borer restricted area in the State. Coffee plants, plant parts, green coffee beans, and used coffee bags for export that move from one infested area to another or that are exported via transshipment through a coffee berry borer restricted area must be double-bagged in thick, transparent, non-permeable plastic bags that are sealed and labeled to identify their contents as being from a specific coffee berry borer infested area, provided that the chief is authorized to revise these required safeguards, as necessary.

(e) The island of Hawaii is designated as a coffee berry borer infested area, notwithstanding ongoing control projects on the island, and other islands in the State are designated as coffee berry borer restricted areas. The designated coffee berry borer infested area may be expanded by board action as provided in section 10. [Eff and comp 2/24/12; am, ren §4-72-12, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-22 Quarantine restrictions on ohia and soil from rapid ohia death infested areas.** (a) The board has determined that the disease called ohia wilt

(also known as rapid ohia death) presents a serious danger to ohia (*Metrosideros*), the ohia forests of Hawaii, and horticultural and agricultural industries.

(b) Transportation of soil and ohia (*Metrosideros*, all species in genus) plants, plant parts, including flowers, leaves, seeds, stems, twigs, cuttings, mulch, greenwaste, frass, wood, logs, and posts is prohibited from a rapid ohia death infested area to a rapid ohia death restricted area except as allowed by permit pursuant to subsection (c), or as otherwise provided herein.

(c) A permit may be issued by the chief for the transportation of a material or commodity listed in subsection (b), subject to laboratory analysis or other science-based method approved by the chief, as appropriate, to determine whether the material or commodity is free of the causal agents of ohia wilt disease, *Ceratocystis lukuohia* and *C. huliohia*, and subject to appropriate conditions established by the chief.

(d) Material or a commodity listed in subsection (b) that tests positive for *Ceratocystis lukuohia* or *C. huliohia*, other than material or a commodity for research or diagnostic purposes, shall not be shipped from a rapid ohia death infested area to a rapid ohia death restricted area, nor shall any material or commodity in the same lot for shipment be shipped, unless an effective treatment to destroy *Ceratocystis lukuohia* and *C. huliohia* is available, is approved by the chief, and the shipment has been subjected to the approved treatment.

(e) Transportation of a material or commodity listed in subsection (b) for research or diagnostic purposes moving from a rapid ohia death infested area to a rapid ohia death restricted area of the State, shall be under permit, using safeguards approved by the chief, to a facility inspected and approved by the chief prior to transport.

(f) Soil, including soil as a planting medium, may be shipped from a rapid ohia death infested area to a rapid ohia death restricted area of the State subject to pre-shipment testing as provided in



subsection (c) and, if applicable, subject to treatment as provided in subsection (d). A shipper of soil that is an active participant in the department's intrastate compliance agreement program in which the shipper is required to maintain *Ceratocystis lukuohia* and *C. huliohia*-free status as a condition for soil movement from an infested area is subject to testing as required by the compliance agreement and permit.

(g) Finished ohia wood products, such as wood flooring, furniture, bowls, picture frames, carvings, and jewelry that have been subjected to a treatment approved by the chief do not require a permit for intrastate transportation.

(h) The chief is authorized to approve treatments and mitigative measures as they are scientifically validated and may revise permit conditions accordingly, as necessary to prevent movement of ohia wilt disease from the infested area and to preserve the quarantine.

(i) The island of Hawaii is designated as a rapid ohia death infested area, notwithstanding any ongoing control projects on the island, and other islands in the State are designated as rapid ohia death restricted areas. The designated rapid ohia death infested area may be expanded by board action as provided in section 10.

(j) The shipper is responsible for all costs, charges, or expenses incident to the inspection or treatment of the soil and ohia material or commodity listed in subsection (b), including charges for overtime wages, fixed charges for personnel services, and meals. [Eff and comp 11/27/16; am, ren §4-72-13, and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

**§4-72-23 Quarantine restrictions on coconut rhinoceros beetle and host material.** (a) The board has determined that the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros* (CRB), presents a serious danger to



the horticultural and agricultural industries and the forests of Hawaii.

- (b) As used in this section:
  - (1) "CRB host material" means the host material of the coconut rhinoceros beetle; and
    - (A) Includes decaying plant material, mulch, trimmings, fruit and vegetative scraps, wood, stumps, compost, and CRB host palms; and
    - (B) Does not include:
      - (i) Plant products intended for consumption, such as coconuts, fruits, nuts, edible leaves, leaves used for cooking, and spices;
      - (ii) Plant products preserved from decay by treatment or use, such as lumber, woven hats, dried and painted coconuts, wooden posts, wood carvings, and firewood;
      - (iii) Seeds for planting,
      - (iv) New and unused commercially bagged plant propagation media or landscaping materials that have not been staged or stored in an infested area for more than 30 days;
      - (v) Cut flowers and foliage for decoration, such as lei, floral bouquets, or arrangements;
      - (vi) Plant propagation media in live plantings (except when used as propagative material for CRB host palms);
      - (vii) Live propagative plants (except CRB host palms); and
      - (viii) Rock, coral, sand, and gravel.
  - (2) "CRB host palms" means all live palm plants in the genera *Cocos*, *Livistona*, *Phoenix*, *Pritchardia*, *Roystonea*, and *Washingtonia* and does not include unsprouted seeds.

(3) "Transport" means movement of CRB host material out of a single Tax Map Key (TMK) parcel.

(c) The coconut rhinoceros beetle infested area is designated as the island of Oahu and any other area of the State per section 10.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), no person may transport coconut rhinoceros beetle host material from a coconut rhinoceros beetle infested area to a coconut rhinoceros beetle restricted area within the State or, transport, receive (accept delivery of CRB host material for any purpose), process (meaning the conversion of solid waste into a useful product or preparing for its disposal), sell, barter, donate or otherwise give away, or export CRB host material within a coconut rhinoceros beetle infested area except:

- (1) By the department or an agent of the department for the purposes of monitoring, control, eradication, or scientific or educational purposes;
- (2) Pursuant to a permit issued by the department for purposes of coconut rhinoceros beetle monitoring, control, eradication, or scientific or educational purposes at a site inspected and approved by the chief prior to transportation;
- (3) Pursuant to a permit issued by the chief for noncommercial activities, subject to an appropriate treatment or mitigation, as required by the chief;
- (4) Pursuant to a compliance agreement issued by the department for commercial activities; or
- (5) Nursery stock that is directly exported from a coconut rhinoceros beetle infested area to a destination outside of the State.

(e) The chief is authorized to exempt from the requirements of subsection (d) categories of CRB host material, and activities involving CRB host material that pose a low risk of spreading CRB. [Eff and comp JAN 20 2025 ] (Auth: HRS §§141-2, 150A-9) (Imp: HRS §§141-2, 150A-8)

Amendments to and compilation of chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, on the Summary Page dated December 31, 2024, were adopted on October 22, 2024, following a public hearing held on January 30, 2024, after public notices were given in the Honolulu Star Advertiser, Hawaii Tribune-Herald, West Hawaii Today, Maui News and The Garden Isle on December 27, 2023.

These rules shall take effect ten days after filing with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



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SHARON HURD  
Chairperson  
Board of Agriculture



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JOSH GREEN, M.D.  
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State of Hawaii

Dated: January 10, 2025

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