CONNECTICUT

NURSERY INSPECTION REGULATIONS

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The purpose of state nursery inspection laws and regulations issued under them is to restrict the spread of serious insect pests and plant diseases. The sections of the statutes giving legal authority for the regulations are on pages 10 and 11. The way in which these laws and regulations are carried out is summarized in the following pages.

NURSERYMEN

Registration. All persons or firms that grow nursery stock for sale are required to register with the State Entomologist each year before July 1, giving the location of the nursery stock.

Inspection and Pest Control. State inspectors examine the plants in each nursery for the presence of pests. If pests are found, the inspectors issue directions for control or eradication, and allow a reasonable time for carrying out the directions.

Certification. As soon as the pests reported have been controlled, an original nursery inspection certificate is issued. This bears the date of issue, the date of expiration, and the signature of the State Entomologist or his Deputy. This original certificate is to be kept in the possession of the nurseryman, and covers any plants brought into the nursery bearing a certificate as well as those growing there. If a nurseryman receives plants not certified as reasonably free from pests, the State Entomologist should be notified so that an inspection can be made.

The original certificate is not valid after the date of expiration.

Taking and Transportation of Evergreen Trees or Foliage. The collection of evergreen trees, mountain laurel, and some other plants is the subject of special legislation. Section 53–117 of the General Statutes requires that these cannot be removed without the written permission of the owner or lessee. Such trees and shrubs as are intended for sale as nursery stock are subject to inspection for pests and shipment under certificate. This type of inspection is not required for evergreen branches and foliage, but these are covered by the gypsy moth quarantine, discussed below.

Duplicate Certificates meeting the legal requirements of other states will be furnished to holders of valid original certificates on request.

Certificates to Accompany Shipments. In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 22–98, General Statutes of Conn. (Revision of 1961), the State Entomologist prescribes that nurseries holding a valid original nursery certificate shall use the following form of certificate to accompany each package of nursery stock sold or transported, as required by Sec. 22–100.

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Nursery Inspection Certificate No.....

(name) (address) inspected and found apparently free from dangerously injurious

insects and plant diseases.

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This certificate may be printed on labels or on sales slips in type no smaller than 8-point, the design to be approved in writing by the State Entomologist; stamped on labels or sales slips in type as above, or printed or stamped on separate tags.

DEALERS

Registration. All persons or firms that buy and sell nursery stock but do not grow nursery stock are required to register with the State Entomologist each year before March 1. No inspection is required, but the dealer is allowed to buy and sell only plants from nurseries holding valid certificates.

Permits. Each registered dealer is provided with an original dealer's permit bearing a date of expiration and the signature of the State Entomologist or his Deputy. This permit should be kept in the possession of the dealer.

Permits to accompany sales. In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 22–98, General Statutes of Conn. (Revision of 1961), the State Entomologist prescribes that Nursery Dealers holding a valid original Dealer's Permit shall use the following form of permit to accompany each package of nursery stock sold or transported, as required by Sec. 22–100.

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This permit may be stamped on labels or on sales slips in type no smaller than 8-point, the design to be approved in writing by the State Entomologist; or printed on separate tags.

The Dealer's Permit is intended for use within the state. Many other states do not accept the permit as valid evidence of nursery inspection certificates.

INDIVIDUAL SHIPPERS

Individuals and firms not in the nursery business may wish to ship trees, shrubs, or vines. The U. S. Postal Laws and Regulations cover all plants shipped by mail. Federal laws regulating the transportation of such plants require that transportation companies, including the U. S. Postal Service, accept only plants bearing certificates of inspection. Our inspectors will inspect such plants for individual shippers by appointment at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington St., New Haven, or on private premises if the inspector happens to be in the neighborhood on other business. A package certificate applying only to the plants inspected and passed will be issued without charge.

Individual shipments are also subject to the provisions of the various quarantines.

REGULATIONS OF OTHER STATES

All states require that each shipment of nursery stock bear a copy of a valid nursery inspection certificate, and certification for such quarantines as are appropriate. The additional requirements are summarized below.

Filing Duplicate Certificates of Inspection. The following states require filing a signed certificate of inspection with their state office before shipments can be made into that state:

Alabama Kentucky Ohio Oklahoma Arkansas Louisiana Colorado Maine Oregon Maryland Delaware Pennsylvania Florida Michigan Rhode Island Georgia Minnesota South Carolina Idaho Missouri South Dakota Illinois Nebraska Texas Indiana New Jersey Utah New Mexico Iowa West Virginia Kansas New York Wisconsin North Dakota

The following states issue a permit or license after receiving a copy of a valid duplicate nursery inspection certificate, and require that a copy of the permit or license accompany each shipment:

Alabama Kentucky Ohio
Arkansas Michigan Pennsylvania
Florida Nebraska South Dakota
Georgia New Jersey Texas
Indiana New Mexico Utah

In addition to duplicate certificates and permits or licenses, the following states charge a fee.

Arkansas, \$0.03 for each permit

Montana, \$15.00 for general nursery

Tagging all plants with a botanical or common name is required by Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Tennessee.

Size and grade labels should be attached to nursery stock shipped to Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, and Utah.

Viability regulations requiring plant material to be alive and capable of growing, if given reasonable care, at the time of sale are in effect in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. It might be well for nurserymen shipping into these states to request a statement of condition of stock be sent them within a few days of arrival so that responsibility for condition can be determined if later inspections lead to condemnation.

Raspberry Plants. The following states require special certification for freedom from virus disease based on two summer inspections: Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Strawberry Plants. The following states require two inspections and special certification of strawberry plants: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, and Washington.

Blueberry Plants. Michigan, Missouri, and New Jersey require special inspection and certification of blueberry plants.

European Corn Borer. Nurserymen or others dealing in asters, chrysanthemum, cosmos, zinnia, hollyhock, dahlia, and gladiolus (except bulbs or tubers without stems) should obtain inspection and special corn borer certificates for shipments to Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Canadian Shipments. A permit is required for each importation of nursery stock. Make application to the Chief, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, in writing, by telephone, or telegraph, stating kind and quantity of nursery stock to be imported; name and address of exporter and importer; and whether shipment will come by parcel post, air cargo, freight, or express. The permit will be sent to the importer who must retain same for presentation to Customs when clearing his importation. The number of the permit must be communicated to the exporter. A State Phytosanitary Certificate is also required.

QUARANTINES

The purpose of quarantines is to restrict the transfer of pests not generally distributed. At present there are only two quarantines and one Restriction affecting shipments of plants within Connecticut.

European Chafer Quarantine. The state quarantine now includes the entire towns of Berlin, Southington, and Meriden. The revision was made March 18, 1964. Neither soil nor plants may be moved from these three towns to other areas of the State without certification. This may be either (1) inspection and certification for freedom from infestation by the European chafer, or (2) treatment by a method approved as effective in killing the chafers and supervised by an inspector. The State Quarantine is enforced by inspectors of the Office of the State Entomologist.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Quarantine No. 77 regulates the same three towns in its revision of May 7, 1964. The requirements for shipment of soil and plants from these areas to other states are the same as given in the State Quarantine. Nurserymen may obtain inspection and certification from A. R. Moulton, P. O. Box 22, Naugatuck, or further information from Stanley I. McNally, U. S. Customs House, 150 Bank Street, New London.

Restriction of Red and Japanese Black Pine. Because of the difficulty of detecting infestation by Matsuccoccus resinosae on pines, the State Entomologist requires that no Red Pine (Pinus resinosa) or Japanese Black Pine (Pinus thunbergi) be grown, offered for sale, or planted by nurserymen in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

White Pine Blister Rust. In order to reduce the transfer of blister rust from currant and gooseberry plants to white pines, currants and gooseberries cannot be planted within 900 feet of a white pine stand of one acre or more in extent. Connecticut has legally established control areas around two nurseries located in the following towns: Griswold and Simsbury. No currants or gooseberries may be grown in or shipped to within 1,500 feet of the nursery sanitation zones. Prospective purchasers of currants and gooseberry plants are required to apply for a permit for shipment of these plants, and nurserymen to obtain a permit before shipment. Nurserymen should apply to the State Entomologist for such permits.

U.S.D.A. QUARANTINES

In addition to the European Chafer Quarantine, mentioned above, shipment of nursery stock outside the State is regulated by four other federal quarantines.

Gypsy Moth Quarantine. This quarantine regulates the movement of all nursery stock, Christmas trees and greens, timber, stone, and quarry products, and scrap metal from Connecticut to all states except Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the southern parts of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Detailed regulations are issued by Federal Inspectors for the towns as listed on this and the following page.

Japanese Beelle Quarantine. This regulates the movement of nursery stock, plants with roots, and soil to areas not generally infested by the Japanese beetle. It is administered by Federal Inspectors, who will supply copies of the regulations and maps. The list of Inspectors follows.

FEDERAL QUARANTINE INSPECTION DISTRICTS IN CONNECTICUT

MANCHESTER. Charles H. Phillips. Box 63, Station A. 643-9408

Andover	East Hartford	Marlborough	Suffield
Ashford	East Windsor	Newington	Tolland
Bloomfield	Ellington	Plainfield	Thompson
Bolton	Enfield	Pomfret	Union
Brooklyn	Glastonbury	Putnam	Vernon
Canterbury	Granby	Rocky Hill	Wethersfield
Chaplin	Hampton	Scotland	West Hartford
Columbia	Hartford	Simsbury	Willington
Coventry	Hebron	Somers	Windham
Cromwell	Killingly	South Windsor	Windsor
Eastford	Mansfield	Stafford	Windsor Locks
East Granby	Manchester	Sterling	Woodstock

NAUGATUCK. Alfred R. Moulton-Warren W. Sachsenmaier. P. O. Box 22.

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Ansonia	Derby	New Fairfield	Sherman
Avon	Easton	New Hartford	Southbury
Barkhamsted	East Haven	New Haven	Southington
Beacon Falls	Fairfield	New Milford	Stamford
Berlin	Farmington	Newtown	Stratford
Bethany	Goshen	Norfolk	Thomaston
Bethel	Greenwich	North Branford	Torrington
Bethlehem	Guilford	North Canaan	Trumbull
Branford	Hamden	North Haven	Wallingford
Bridgeport	Hartland	Norwalk	Warren
Bridgewater	Harwinton	Orange	Washington
Bristol	Kent	Oxford	Waterbury
Brookfield	Litchfield	Plainville	Watertown
Burlington	Madison	Plymouth	West Haven
Canaan	Meriden	Prospect	Weston
Canton	Middlebury	Redding	Westport
Cheshire	Milford	Ridgefield	Wilton
Colebrook	Monroe	Roxbury	Winchester
Cornwall	Morris	Salisbury	Wolcott
		Seymour	Woodbridge
Danbury	Naugatuck	Sharon	Woodbury
Darien	New Britain	Shelton	Woodbury
	New Canaan	SHEITOH	

NEW LONDON. Richard B. Gaines. US Customs House, 150 Bank Street.

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Bozrah	Essex	Lyme	Preston
Chester	Franklin	Middlefield	Portland
Clinton	Griswold	Middletown	Salem
Colchester	Groton	Montville	Sprague
Deep River	Haddam	New London	Stonington
Durham	Killingworth	North Stoningt	on Voluntown
East Haddam	Lebanon	Norwich	Waterford
East Hampton	Ledyard	Old Lyme	Westbrook
East Lyme	Lisbon	Old Saybrook	

Barberry Quarantine. Federal Black Stem Rust Quarantine No. 38 regulates interstate movement of all berberis, mahonia, and mahoberberis plants. Rust-resistant barberry and mahonia plants may be shipped only after they have been inspected and a Federal Certificate of Inspection issued. Application should be made each year before May 15 to the Plant Pest Control Division, Agricultural Research Service, U.S.D.A., 35 South

5th St., Minneapolis 2, Minn. That agency will arrange for inspection during the growing season.

White Pine Blister Rust. Connecticut nurserymen must obtain a control area permit from regulatory officials in the following states before shipping currant and gooseberry plants:

Connecticut	Michigan	Rhode Island
Delaware	North Carolina	Vermont
Idaho	Ohio	Virginia
Illinois	Oregon	Washington
Maryland	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin
Massachusetts		

The movement of currant and gooseberry plants to parts of the following states is prohibited:

California	New Hampshir
Georgia	New Jersey
Idaho	New York
Maine	Tennessee
Montana	West Virginia

European Pine Shoot Moth. Shipment of Pine trees into the following states is prohibited as a control measure for the European pine shoot moth:

Arizona	Montana	Oregon
California	Nevada	Utah
Idaho	New Mexico	Washington

SHIPMENTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Plants and plant products shipped to foreign countries are usually subject to quarantine regulations. These regulations, depending on the country involved, cover many requirements and, therefore, cannot be listed here. The Office of the State Entomologist has a file of the quarantine requirements of many foreign countries and is ready to assist prospective shippers in complying with the regulations prior to shipment.

On some shipments state certification is all that is required, on others a joint state and federal certificate may be necessary. Canada permits for shipment to Canada can be obtained from Dr. C. W. Farstad, Director, Division of Plant Protection, Ottawa, Canada.

SHIPMENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Nurserymen should write for an Import Permit to accompany shipment of plant material from any foreign country. By writing for the permit he can be informed of import Prohibitions, Special Post Entry Quarantine requirements and any other special regulations.

Plants and plant products entering the United States are subject to inspection by the Plant Quarantine Division, United States Department of Agriculture, as well as the usual Custom Inspection.

Information on import permits and export regulations may be obtained from:

United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Plant Quarantine Division 209 River Street Hoboken, New Jersey

OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE SERVICE

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South Carolina L. H. Senn, Assistant State Entomologist, State Crop Pest Commission, Clemson, South Carolina
South Dakota Doyle T. Busby, Director, Division of Plant Industry, Pierre, South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas Charlie Chapman, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Plant Quarantine, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas 78711
Utah Earl Hutchins, State Supervising Inspector, State Department of Agriculture, Salt Lake City, Utah
Vermont
Virginia C. R. Willey, State Entomologist, Division of Regulatory Service, Division of Plant Industry, 203 N. Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia
Washington William H. Shaw, Supervisor of Horticulture, P. O. Box 120, Olympia, Washington
West Virginia F. Waldo Craig, Director, Plant Pest Control Division, Charleston, West Virginia
Wisconsin A. R. Kurtz, Chief, Division of Plant Industry, 448 Washington Ave., Madison, Wisconsin
Wyoming Everett Spackman, State Entomologist and Director, Division of Plant Industry, 308 Capitol Bldg., Cheyenne, Wyoming

NURSERY LAWS AND REGULATIONS

General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1961

The present law governing the inspection and transportation of nursery stock was enacted in 1925, and published as Chapter 265, Public Acts of 1925. It was revised in the General Statutes of 1930 and amended effective March 16, 1943. In the revision of 1961 this law appears in slightly different form in Sections 22–96 to 22–101 inclusive, as follows:

SEC. 22-96. CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF IMPORTED NURSERY STOCK. All nursery stock shipped into this state shall bear on each package a certificate that the contents of such package have been inspected by a state or government officer and that such contents appear free from all dangerous insects and diseases. If nursery stock shall have been brought into the state without such a certificate, the express, freight or other transportation company or person shall, before delivering shipment to consignee, notify the state entomologist of the facts, giving name and address of consignee, origin of shipment and approximate number of cars, boxes or packages and probable date of delivery to consignee. The state entomologist may cause the inspection and, if infested, the treatment of the stock. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than fifty dollars. No provision of section 53-117 shall be construed to apply to any bale, box, package or load or to the contents thereof, which shall be transported into this state from outside the state, provided the same shall be labeled in such a manner as to indicate the place from which it shall have been transported and shall be accompanied by the certificate prescribed by this section.

SEC. 22–97. NURSERY AND NURSERY STOCK DEFINED. For the purposes of sections 22–98, 22–99 and 22–100 any place at which hardy trees, shrubs and vines are propagated or grown out of doors for commercial purposes shall be considered a nursery, and such stock shall be regarded as nursery stock. Hardy herbaceous perennial plants, including strawberry plants, may be subject to the same provisions regarding inspection and pest control, if, in the opinion of the state entomologist, it is desirable to control the movement of such plants. Florists' ordinary plants, unless woody and field-grown, shall not be included.

SEC. 22-98. NURSERY STOCK: POWERS OF STATE ENTOMOLOGIST. The state entomologist or his assistants shall, upon application, inspect at least once each year all nurseries at which woody field-grown hardy trees and plants shall be grown for sale or shipment; may inspect any nursery stock when dug, before shipment or at destination; may inspect nurseries at any time for the purpose of controlling plant pests or to ascertain whether such pests exist in nurseries; may prescribe forms for registration, certificates and permits and may make rules and regulations regarding time and methods of inspection; may destroy or treat or order the destruction or treatment of, and prohibit the movement of, plants infested with dangerous pests; may cooperate with agents of the United States Department of Agriculture in the inspection of nurseries and control of plant pests; may, at reasonable times enter any public or private grounds in performance of his duties under the provisions of this section and sections 22-99 and 22-100. If orders are issued for the destruction or treatment of infested plants, the owner, manager or agent of the nursery shall within a reasonable time from the date of such order, destroy such plants as are ordered destroyed and make such treatments within the time specified in the order or be subject to the penalty provided in section 22-101.

SEC. 22–99. NURSERYMEN AND DEALERS TO REGISTER. All nurserymen shall register with the state entomologist each year, on or before July first, and make application for inspection, and furnish such data on such blanks as the state entomologist prescribes, and furnishes. All firms, stores and individuals who sell but shall not grow nursery stock shall be classed as dealers, and shall each year, on or before March first, register with the state entomologist, giving the chief sources of their nursery stock and such data as he may require, on such forms as he may prescribe and furnish, and the state entomologist may issue a permit allowing such dealer to sell such nursery stock. The state entomologist may make such regulations as he deems necessary to govern the shipment of nursery stock into the state by any nursery, firm or corporation outside the state.

SEC. 22-100. NURSERY CERTIFICATE. UNINSPECTED STOCK. The state entomologist shall issue to regular nurseries certificates, valid until the first day of August following the date of issue and covering the stock inspected and such other stock as shall have been received under valid certificates of inspection and may issue temporary permits covering certain portions thereof, and permits to dealers. All such certificates and permits may be revoked for cause. Nursery stock which shall not have been inspected or stock from a nursery not holding a valid certificate of inspection shall not be sold or transported, and transportation companies shall refuse to accept any shipment not bearing such certificate or some form of permit issued by the state entomologist, and all nurserymen shall furnish a certificate, and all dealers a permit, to accompany each package of stock sold or transported, but no provision of section 22-98, 22-99 or 22-100 shall prevent or render liable any person or firm transporting stock from one field or property to another field or property belonging to or operated by such person or firm when such stock is not to be immediately sold or offered for sale and when such transportation shall not violate any established federal or state embargo or quarantine regulations.

SEC. 22–101. PENALTY. APPEAL. Any person who shall interfere with the state entomologist or his assistant in the performance of his duties under the provisions of sections 22–98, 22–99 and 22–100, or any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions thereof, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars. Any person aggrieved by any order issued under the provisions of sections 22–98, 22–99 and 22–100 may appeal to the superior court, or to any judge thereof if said court shall not be in session, and said court or such judge may grant such relief or issue such order or judgment in the premises as to equity may appertain.

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