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HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
PLANT QUARANTINE INTERIM RULE 22-1

**Prohibits The Intra- And Inter-Island Movement Of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (*Oryctes Rhinoceros*) Host Material, Including But Not Limited To Entire Trees, Green Waste, Compost, Mulch, Trimmings, Fruit And Vegetative Scraps And Decaying Stumps Of Palmeceous Plants And Trees, Within And From The Island Of Oahu Except By Permit Issued By The Hawaii Department Of Agriculture**

Under authorization granted in Section 150A-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (Department) hereby establishes this interim rule to impose a quarantine on the movement of coconut rhinoceros beetle host material, including but not limited to entire trees, green waste, compost, mulch, trimmings, fruit and vegetative scraps and decaying stumps of Palmeceous plants and trees, within and from the Island of Oahu except by permit issued by the Hawaii Department of Agriculture. These quarantine areas are established to address the emergency and prevent the spread of the coconut rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) (CRB), from areas infested by CRB to un-infested areas within the State.

Movement or transportation of CRB host material, including but not limited to entire trees, green waste, compost, mulch, trimmings, fruit and vegetative scraps and decaying stumps of Palmeceous plants and trees, within and from the Island of Oahu is prohibited except by permit issued by the Department:



1) Movement of any host material for the CRB, including Palmeaceous palms and trees, compost, and green waste under state compliance agreement or with a state phytosanitary certificate; 2) All host material being moved within the quarantine area must be completely enclosed or covered with a secure lid to prevent the spread of CRB during transport to the approved green waste disposal site. Subcontractors must transport chipped green waste to an approved offsite disposal/processing center in approved containers. These containers must be completely enclosed or covered with a lid during the transport to the offsite disposal/processing center; 3) Processing of any host material for the coconut rhinoceros beetle in approved facilities is allowed under HDOA state compliance agreements; 4) Inter-island movement of any CRB host material is allowed only under HDOA state compliance agreements or permit; 5) Sale and trade of any CRB host material is allowed under HDOA state compliance agreements; and 6) Nursery stock material considered CRB host material is allowed to leave the quarantine areas only under HDOA state compliance agreements.

All movement is subject to inspection and approved mitigation and decontamination measures. This interim rule does not affect the movement of approved nursery stock material, provided it is shipped directly from an infested area to a destination outside of the State.

Any person who violates this rule shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$100. The provisions of HRS section 706-640 notwithstanding, the maximum fine shall be \$10,000. For a second offense committed within five years of a prior conviction, the person or organization shall be fined not less than \$500 and not more

than \$25,000.

This interim rule shall become effective on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and is valid for no longer than one year from its inception.

  
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