

3264. COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

State Exterior Quarantine

A quarantine is established against the following pest, its hosts, and possible carriers:

- A. Pest.** Colorado potato beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*).
- B. Area Under Quarantine.** All States, Districts and territories of the United States except the States of Alaska, Hawaii, and Nevada.
- C. Articles and Commodities Covered.** Plants of tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum*), pepper (*Capsicum frutescens*), eggplant (*Solanum melongena*), Irish potato (*Solanum tuberosum*); Irish potato tubers; and soil in association with or attached to all such tubers or plants.
- D. Restrictions.** The articles and commodities covered are prohibited except as provided for below.

1. Origin Certificates from Non-infested Localities.

Articles and commodities covered will be permitted entry into the State of California from said quarantine area if each shipment or lot is officially certified by an authorized Department of Agriculture representative at origin, establishing the fact that all articles and commodities covered contained in the lot or shipment were grown in and shipped from a locality free from Colorado potato beetle

2. Exemptions. The following articles and commodities are exempt from the certification requirements of this quarantine:

- a.** Potato tubers free from soil and plant parts. ("Free from" means the amount of soil and plant parts shall not be sufficient to harbor any stage of the Colorado potato beetle.)
- b.** From the period of January 1 to March 31, seedling plants with or without soil and not over 8" high, of tomato, pepper, eggplant and Irish potato.

3. Small Lots. A State Plant Quarantine officer may release small lots or shipments of Irish potatoes of 100 (one hundred) pounds, or less, which are contained with soil or other commodities provided the contamination is removed and destroyed under his or her supervision.

4. Secretary May Issue Special Permits. The Secretary may issue special permits allowing entry of articles or commodities otherwise prohibited. The permit shall state any and all provisions or conditions under which entry will be allowed.

All *Capsicum* species plants including *C. annuum* varieties in the botanical groups: Cerasiforme group (cherry peppers), Conioides group (cone peppers), Fasciculatum group (red cone peppers), Grossum group (sweet bell peppers) and Longum group (chili peppers and cayenne peppers) and *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, *C. pubescens*.

These additional articles are added because current scientific literature list pepper (*Capsicum*) as a host of Colorado potato beetle.

Plants of *Solanum dulcamara* (common or climbing nightshade) and *Solanum rostratum* (buffalo burr) are added because current scientific literature indicates that they are hosts of Colorado potato beetle.

ADDITIONAL REGULATED ARTICLES

APPENDIX A

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Additional regulated articles should be rejected under the authority of Food and Agricultural Code Section 6461.5, unless certified as described in California Code of Regulations 3264 D1.