

Subchapter H. Guava Root Knot Nematode Quarantine

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A. The department issues the following quarantine because the state entomologist has determined that the Guava Root Knot Nematode, *Meloidogyne enterolobii*, has been found in this state and may be prevented, controlled, or eradicated by quarantine.

B. Quarantine Areas:

1. the states of Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina;
2. a declaration of quarantine for guava root knot nematode covering any specific parish or area in Louisiana or any other state shall be published in the official journal of the state and in the *Louisiana Register*.

C. No regulated articles as defined in this Section shall be moved into any area of this state, except as provided in this Section.

D. The following articles are hosts of guava root knot nematode or may harbor guava root knot nematode and are deemed to be regulated articles for purposes of this Subsection:

1. the guava root knot nematode in all of its life stages; plant parts, specifically sweet potatoes, from Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina that can harbor the guava root knot nematode; soil from the above-mentioned quarantined states that may harbor the guava root knot nematode; commercial planting and/or harvesting equipment from the above-mentioned quarantined states;
2. certified seed sweet potatoes and sweet potatoes for processing may be moved from the quarantine area into Louisiana under a special permit issued by Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
3. nursery crops may not be moved from the quarantine area into Louisiana, whether direct from said area or by diversion or reconsignment from any other point, unless each shipment or lot is accompanied by a certificate issued by the authorized agricultural official of the state, certifying the material to be free from guava root knot nematode.
4. any other article, product, or means of conveyance not listed in this Section may be designated as a regulated article if an inspector determines that it presents a risk of spreading guava root knot nematode and notifies the person in possession of the article, product, or means of conveyance that it is subject to the restrictions of the regulations.

E. Commercial planting and/or harvesting equipment may be moved from quarantined areas into Louisiana only if moved under the following conditions.

1. The commercial equipment being moved is accompanied by a state of origin certificate issued by the state regulatory agency.
2. The commercial equipment must be thoroughly cleaned of any soil and plant debris and inspected by the state regulatory agency. The state regulatory agency must issue a state phytosanitary certificate attesting to the inspection and cleaning of the equipment.

F. Any person violating this quarantine shall be subject to imposition of the remedies and penalties set forth in R.S. 3:1653.

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