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Prohibitions and Restrictions of Importation into Canada of Decorative *Chaenomeles* (Flowering Quince), *Malus* (Apple and Crabapple), *Prunus* (stone fruits, e.g. cherry), *Pyrus* (pear) and *Salix* (willow) Branches

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SUBJECT:

This directive outlines the details on the prohibitions and restrictions on the importation into Canada of decorative *Chaenomeles* (flowering quince), *Malus* (apple and crabapple), *Prunus* (producing stone fruits, e.g. cherry), *Pyrus* (pear) and *Salix* (willow) branches from all countries.

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Review

This directive will be reviewed every 5 years unless otherwise necessary. The next review date for this directive is September 30, 2008. The contact for this directive is Joanne Rousson. For further information or clarification, please contact the Horticulture Section.

Endorsement

Approved by:

Director Plant Health Division

Amendment Record

Amendments to this directive will be dated and distributed as outlined in the distribution below.

Distribution

1. Directive mail list (Regions, PHRA, USDA)
2. Provincial Government, Industry (via Regions)
3. National Industry Organizations (determined by Author)
4. Internet

Introduction

Live cuttings of *Chaenomeles*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus* and *Salix* plant material are marketed as decorative floral branches. Although the intended end-use of this material is ornamental, the tissues are still alive and propagation is possible by means of rooting, grafting, or even tissue culture. These are high risk activities for spreading pests from diseased to healthy plants. Additionally, the live buds on decorative branches may swell and open into fresh leaves or flowers which may be fed upon by insects, that may act as vectors of pathogens. The release of fungi spores and affected pollen can also infect other plants. All these possible methods of spread are of high concern for a number of known quarantine pests and, as well, represent an unknown risk from countries for which a Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) does not presently exist. The importation of decorative branches of *Prunus* from countries where plum pox virus occurs is already prohibited. The policy described in this directive introduces requirements for decorative branches of other fruit tree species and *Salix*.

- Scope** This directive is intended to inform the Canadian public. It is also for use by Canada Customs and CFIA inspection staff in order to prevent the entry of regulated pests through the importation of decorative branches.
- References** Department of the Secretary of State of Canada. *The Canadian Style: A Guide to Writing and Editing*. Toronto, 1993.
- D-94-35: List of Sources approved to Export Fruit Tree and Grape Propagative Material to Canada
- This directive supercedes D-00-02: The Prohibition of *Prunus* Branches for Decorative Purposes from Countries where the Plum Pox Virus Occurs, D-84-12: Import Control of Branches, Twigs, Stems, etc. of *Prunus*, *Malus*, *Pyrus* and *Salix* Material Intended for Decorative Purposes as Household Floral Arrangements.**
- This directive supercedes references made to decorative branches in Import Operational Directive no.001-0, dated 16/6/86, and D-96-02: Plant Protection Requirements to Prevent the Introduction and spread of Apple Ermine Moth on *Malus* species.**

Definitions, Abbreviations and Acronyms

- CFIA** Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- Decorative branches** Live cuttings of plant material, usually shoots or stems arising from the main axis, on which twigs, buds, flowers or leaves may be present, that are intended to be used for ornamental, non-propagative purposes.

1. General Requirements

1.1 Legislative Authority

The Plant Protection Act, s.c. 1990, c.22
Plant Protection Regulations, SOR/95-212
Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fees Notice, Canada Gazette, Part 1

1.2 Fees

The CFIA is charging fees in accordance with the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Fees Notice*. For information regarding fees associated with imported product, please contact the Import Service Centres (ISC) at the following phone numbers: Eastern ISC 1-877-493-0468; Central ISC 1-800-835-4486; Western ISC 1-888-732-6222. Anyone requiring other information regarding fees may contact any local CFIA office or visit the CFIA web site at www.inspection.gc.ca.

1.3 Regulated pests

This list provides examples of pests regulated by Canada on this material. This list is not exclusive and is subject to change. An up to date List of Pests regulated by Canada can be found on the CFIA website at www.inspection.gc.ca.

Bacteria & phytoplasmas:

<i>Erwinia salicis</i>	Watermark disease of willow
<i>Xanthomonas populi</i>	Bacterial canker of poplar
<i>Xylella fastidiosa</i>	Phony disease of peach
	Apple proliferation phytoplasma
	Apricot chlorotic leafroll phytoplasma
	Peach rosette phytoplasma
	Peach X disease phytoplasma
	Peach yellows phytoplasma
	Pear decline and Moria phytoplasma

Insects:

<i>Adoxophyes orana</i>	Summer fruit totrix
<i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i>	Asian long-horned beetle
<i>Conogethes punctiferalis</i>	Yellow peach moth
<i>Epiphyas postvittana</i>	Light brown apple moth
<i>Grapholita molesta</i>	Oriental fruit moth
<i>Leucoptera malifoliella</i>	Pear leaf blister moth
<i>Lymantria dispar</i>	Gypsy moth
<i>Orgyia anartoides</i>	Painted apple moth
<i>Yponomeuta malinellus</i>	Apple ermine moth

Fungi:

<i>Gymnosporangium yamadae</i>	Japanese apple rust
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Mites:

Tetranychus truncatus

Tetranychus viennensis

Hawthorn spider mite

Viruses:

Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus

Apple flat limb agent

Apple star crack agent

Apple star skin viroid

Apricot ringpox virus

Cherry rasp leaf virus

Little cherry virus

Peach mosaic virus

Peach rosette mosaic virus

Pear blister canker

Pear bud drop virus

Plum Pox virus (PPV)

Prune dwarf virus (PDV)

Raspberry ringspot virus

Strawberry latent ringspot virus

Tomato black ring virus

Tomato ringspot virus

1.4 Regulated Commodities

Decorative branches of the following species.

Chaenomeles Flowering Quince

Malus Apple and Crabapple

Prunus producing stone fruits, e.g. cherry, almond, plum, peach

Pyrus Pear

Salix Willow

Requirements for dried branches intended for certain end uses can be found in D-95-09: *Importation of Dried Plant Material*. Propagative material, including branches for propagative purposes, is regulated under D-94-35: *List of Sources Approved to Export Fruit Tree and Grape Propagative Material to Canada*. General import requirements for rooted or unrooted plants, plant parts and plants in vitro for planting can be found in D-02-02.

1.5 Regulated Areas

All countries

2.0 Specific Requirements

2.1 *Prunus* decorative branches is prohibited from countries in which plum pox virus is present.

2.2 Phytosanitary Certificate and Plant Protection Permit to Import

Importation of decorative branches from new source countries is prohibited until a Pest Risk Assessment has been carried out.

Decorative branches of *Chaenomeles*, *Malus*, *Prunus*, and *Pyrus* from all countries require a Phytosanitary Certificate and a Plant Protection Permit to Import before they will be allowed entry into Canada. Fruit tree material must originate from sources approved under the CFIA's Virus Certification Program for fruit trees before the decorative branches will be allowed entry to Canada.

The shipment must be free of soil and debris.

2.3 Non-Compliance

Shipments which do not meet requirements or are found to be infested with quarantine pests or potential quarantine pests, may be refused entry, returned to origin, or disposed of at the importer's expense. The importer is responsible for any and all costs relating to treatment, disposal, removal or rerouting, including costs incurred by CFIA to monitor the action taken.