

Federal Regulation of the Laurel Wilt Epidemic



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Entry Regulation

- *Xyleborus glabratus*
 - Regulated at the genus level as reportable actionable
 - Never intercepted
 - 134 *Xyleborus* sp. interceptions since 1984
 - 35 of which involve Asian countries that are or are potential origins for *X. glabratus*
 - 1 interception from Savannah, GA in crating from China
- *Raffaelea* spp.
 - Genus not in system, therefore regulated

Commodity Regulation

- ❑ All wood packing must follow IPPC solid wood packing regulations and be treated
- ❑ Processed wood products-OK
- ❑ Raw timber imports possible-based on risk assessment
- ❑ Partially processed wood products such wood chips and bark chips-based risk assessment
- ❑ Nursery stock-Standard Phytosanitary and CITES requirements
- ❑ None have specific laurel wilt related regulations

Post Entry Quarantine

- None specific for laurel wilt at this time

Interstate Commerce

- No laurel wilt specific regulations or quarantines at this time

Regulatory Conclusions

- Although regulations were in place, the original invasion occurred
 - So we have an enforcement issue
- No laurel wilt specific regulations at this time
 - There might be some in the future

Possible Pathways

□ Entry

- Port of Savannah as dunnage from East Asia

□ Interstate

- Commerce via nursery stock
- Unprocessed wood products