

the total cost of certification. In addition, exporters participating in the Canadian greenhouse-grown restricted plants program will not have to obtain any additional certification, further mitigating the total effect on import costs.

Small entities in the U.S. floriculture industry will not be significantly impacted due to the expected low percentage of geranium imports, the low percentage of geranium sales as a part of all floriculture sales, and the expected low cost of certification. This interim rule will safeguard U.S. agriculture from potato brown rot by restricting the entry of plants that can serve as its vectors.

Under these circumstances, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Executive Order 12988

This rule has been reviewed under Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This rule: (1) Preempts all State and local laws and regulations that are inconsistent with this rule; (2) has no retroactive effect; and (3) does not require administrative proceedings before parties may file suit in court challenging this rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with section 3507(j) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the information collection and recordkeeping requirements included in this interim rule have been submitted for emergency approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB has assigned control number 0579-0221 to the information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

We plan to request continuation of that approval for 3 years. Please send written comments on the 3-year approval request to the following addresses: (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for APHIS, Washington, DC 20503; and (2) Docket No. 03-019-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 03-019-1 and send

your comments within 60 days of publication of this rule.

This interim rule requires that an additional declaration appear on the phytosanitary certificate that must accompany all articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp. imported into the United States, except those imported under the Canadian greenhouse-grown restricted plant program. This additional declaration must state either that the production facility in which the articles were produced has been tested and found free of *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 or that *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 is not known to occur in the region in which the articles were produced. In order to import articles of *Pelargonium* spp. and *Solanum* spp., importers will need to obtain the additional declaration that must appear on the phytosanitary certificate from the national plant protection organization in the country of origin. We are soliciting comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection and recordkeeping requirements. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond (such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

Estimate of burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Growers and State plant regulatory officials.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 1,040.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 20.

Estimated annual number of responses: 20,800.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 83,200 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

Government Paperwork Elimination Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA), which requires Government agencies in general to provide the public the option of submitting information or transacting business electronically to the maximum extent possible. For information pertinent to GPEA compliance related to this interim rule, please contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 319

Bees, Coffee, Cotton, Fruits, Honey, Imports, Logs, Nursery stock, Plant diseases and pests, Quarantine, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Rice, Vegetables.

■ Accordingly, we are amending 7 CFR 319 as follows:

PART 319—FOREIGN QUARANTINE NOTICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 319 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 450, 7711-7714, 7718, 7731, 7732, 7751-7754, and 7760; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

■ 2. In the table in § 319.37-2(a), new entries for "*Pelargonium* spp. not meeting the conditions for importation in § 319.37-5(r)" and "*Solanum* spp. not meeting the conditions for importation in § 319.37-5(r)" are added, in alphabetical order, to read as follows:

§ 319.37-2 Prohibited articles.

(a) * * *

Prohibited article (includes seeds only if specifically mentioned)	Foreign places from which prohibited	Plant pests existing in the places named and capable of being transported with the prohibited article
* <i>Pelargonium</i> spp. not meeting the conditions for importation in § 319.37-5(r).	* All	* Potato brown rot (<i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> race 3 biovar 2).