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CHAPTER 27

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-9-40

27-75. Plum Pox Virus Quarantine

**Synopsis:**

Plum Pox Virus has been reported in the United States. It is a systemic disease of plants which, once established, may be controlled only by complete destructions of the plant. The virus may pose a serious threat to the State’s stone fruit industry. The proposed amendments will focus on the most effective method of preventing the introduction of the disease into the State by giving greater effect to state and federal quarantines at point-of-origin.

**Instructions:**

The following section of Regulation 27-75 is modified as provided below. All other items and sections remain unchanged.

**Text:**

27-75.3.C. Issuance of Certificates. Certificates will be issued on the following conditions only:

 1. (No Change)

 2. If PPV is found in a continental U.S. State outside of Pennsylvania and is not under state and/or federal quarantine, then all Prunus material, to include ornamental stock, will be subjected to the guidelines as stated in Section 75.3.C.1.

 3. (No change)

 4. (No change)

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

No additional state funding is requested. The Commission estimates that no additional costs will be incurred by the State and its political subdivisions in complying with the proposed revisions.

**Statement of Rationale:**

Amendment of this regulation is necessary to enhance the ability of the Commission to prevent the introduction of Plum Pox Virus into the State, while minimizing administrative burdens on ornamental nursery operators.