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Hawai'i Board of Agriculture Quarantines All 'Ōhi'a shipments from Island of Hawai'i

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that the Hawai'i Board of Agriculture recently approved an interim rule in response to the fungal disease commonly known as Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD) or 'Ōhi'a wilt, which has killed large numbers of mature 'Ōhi'a trees in forests and residential areas of East Hawai'i Island.

The interim rule imposes a one-year quarantine on the intrastate movement of 'Ōhi'a plants and plant parts, including flowers, leaves, seeds, stems, twigs, cuttings, untreated wood, logs, mulch greenwaste and frass (sawdust from boring beetles) from the Island of Hawai'i. Transport of such items may be conducted only with a permit issued by the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA). The interim rule also restricts the movement of soil from Hawai'i Island beginning in January 2016, to allow time for further research on whether soil is able to transmit the disease and to develop testing protocols and treatment options for soil. For more information about the interim rule and quarantine, please see HDOA's announcement at <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/ohiaquarantine/>.

The shipper of any intended 'Ōhi'a shipment(s) must first obtain the required HDOA permit PQ-7, after which HDOA will issue a certificate of inspection for each shipment. Please contact HDOA or visit their website at <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/pq/import-program/plant-quarantine-application-for-permits/> to obtain a permit. As Young Brothers announced in our customer notice dated July 31, 2015, all shipments originating on the Island of Hawai'i which contain 'Ōhi'a (whether live or otherwise, including 'Ōhi'a plants or plant parts and products) must be accompanied by a certification of inspection by the HDOA. **Therefore, the Young Brothers procedure remains unchanged as a result of HDOA's interim rule.**

Young Brothers may provide customers with additional instructions, as more information becomes available about the soil quarantine starting in January 2016. Please note that Young Brothers requires all shipments of automobiles, construction equipment, and any roll-on/roll-off equipment – regardless of the port of origin – to be free of dirt both on the interior and exterior of the equipment and wheel wells.

More information on 'Ōhi'a wilt is available at:

HDOA website: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/reportingohiawilt/>

University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources website:

http://www2.ctahr.hawaii.edu/forestry/disease/ohia_wilt.html

Young Brothers takes our environmental stewardship responsibility seriously. We will continue to work with public and private entities to prevent the transport of this and other invasive species between islands. Please report any suspected new infestations immediately to the Department of Agriculture by calling (808) 643-PEST or, in Hilo, (808) 989-9289.

We appreciate your continued cooperation to protect the environment in all of our communities.

Very truly yours,

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