

Thousand Canker Disease of Black Walnut – Indiana Emergency Rule

Indiana's Emergency Rule for Thousand Canker Disease of Black Walnut (TCD) will be effective August 30. You may view the rule at http://www.in.gov/nrc/files/Thousand_Cankers_Disease.pdf

Under this rule, all Juglans species from the infested western states of AZ, CA, CO, ID, OR, UT, WA, and recently added Tennessee may not come into Indiana without an inspection at the point of origin by a state official indicating they are free of the disease. This inspection must also be sent to my office 24 hours before they are to come into Indiana.

The primary concern is Tennessee as it is the most likely source of walnut species coming into Indiana mills. Also, any item transiting through Tennessee, for example from Alabama, must also be inspected in Alabama and documents accompanying the item as they transit Tennessee and come to Indiana. So, if it comes from or transits Tennessee it must be inspected by state official from state of origin, declared free of the disease, and 24 hour notification to my office.

Any walnut item coming from the west is likely to transit Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri who have their own quarantine that restricts and stops movement into and through their state. Michigan also has a similar quarantine that does not allow movement into Michigan from the infested states. Indiana's rule is similar to Missouri, Nebraska and Michigan. Kansas' rule is more restrictive but with similar requirements.

Mills in Indiana that may bring walnut regulated items from the infested states or through the infested states need to have a compliance agreement with my office. That document is being developed and will be made available by September 1.

Please contact my office if you have a shipment that is coming from/through Tennessee or the Western States and we will assist you in the movement.

The rule regulates Juglans logs, green lumber, stumps, roots, branches, chips and all hardwood firewood. Kiln dried lumber with 100% squared edges and no bark is exempt from the rule but the shipment must be inspected at the point of origin by a state official and documents accompanying the load plus notification to my office.

A TCD website will be available on the Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology webpage shortly. For information on the disease visit the following websites

Missouri - <http://mda.mo.gov/plants/pests/thousandcankers.php>

Tennessee - <http://tn.gov/agriculture/regulatory/tcd.html>

Nebraska – http://www.agr.state.ne.us/division/bpi/ent/tcd_quarantine.pdf

Kansas – http://www.ksda.gov/plant_protection/content/378

Michigan - http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mda/mda_Thousand_Cankers_of_Walnut_Quarantine_321906_7.pdf

Colorado - <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/bspm/extension%20and%20outreach/thousand%20cankers.html>

UC Davis - <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/EXOTIC/thousandcankers.html>

Other - <http://www.thousandcankerdisease.com/>

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