

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ORCHIDS

The County Agricultural Commissioner's Office must be notified of the arrival of all plant material from outside the state or country, and the plant material must be held for inspection. Plants should be free of injurious insects and diseases.

FROM HAWAII

All plants must meet the entry requirements of California's Burrowing and Reniform Nematode Quarantine by meeting conditions a, b, or c below.

- a. Invoice/containers stamped with Hawaii Department of Agriculture "Bench grown/Soilfree" certificate.
- b. Invoice/containers stamped with Hawaii Department of Agriculture nematode certificate.
- c. Inspector (county) determines that plants are epiphytic and are grown exclusively in or on soil-free material such as osmunda fiber, tree fern trunk or bark.

FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES

All plants must satisfy the entry conditions of the USDA and California Department of Food and Agriculture.

- a. Plant material must be inspected by USDA officials at the US port of entry.
- b. Phytosanitary certificates and import permits may be required.
- c. Shipper must provide valid CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species) certification from the country of origin. Seedling flasks, tissue cultures, seed pods, and cut flowers are generally exempt from this requirement. Note: Because of CITES regulations, there may be restrictions on returning to your origin country with orchids which you brought into the USA. Contact agriculture officials in your own country for more information.
- d. Plants should be bare root (exception: epiphytic plants mounted on approved materials such as tree fern trunks or coconut husks.)

Telephone numbers which may be of assistance to you:

USDA/APHIS/PPQ Inspection Station in Los Angeles – 310.725.1910
Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner – 805.681.5600