02 NCAC 48A .1207 NURSERY INSPECTION AND RECORD-KEEPING

(a) A plant inspection certificate shall be issued after the nursery has been inspected by an inspector of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, found apparently free of injurious plant pests, and the proper fee paid. An inspection shall be conducted at least once annually prior to September 30 of each year. The certificate shall be valid until September 30 of the following year, but may be revoked or suspended for cause in accordance with the provisions of G.S. Chapter 150B.

(b) A nursery registration certificate shall be issued after the nursery has been inspected by an inspector of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, found apparently free of injurious plant pests, less than one acre in size, and the proper fee paid. An inspection shall be conducted at least once every three years. Registration may be revoked or suspended for cause in accordance with the provisions of G.S. Chapter 150B. A person who holds a nursery registration certificate shall immediately report to the Plant Industry Division any changes in acreage or shipping procedures when such changes result in their being placed in a different nursery classification, (i.e. an increase in business size to one acre or more or out-of-state sales).

(c) All nurserymen may be required to keep accurate records of plant acquisitions and sales when such records are deemed necessary by the Plant Pest Administrator in order to trace the spread of plant pests. The records shall be presented upon request to any authorized inspector.

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