

Title 15
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Subtitle 06 PLANT PEST CONTROL

15.06.04 Regulation of Invasive Plants

Authority: Agriculture Article, §9.5-301, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[18-041-P]

The Secretary of Agriculture proposes to amend Regulation .06 under **COMAR 15.06.04 Regulation of Invasive Plants**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to include one plant to the existing list of tier 1 invasive plants, four plants to the list of tier 2 invasive plants and exempt one cultivar from the tier 2 requirements, in accordance with the risk assessment protocol.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Kimberly Rice, Program Manager, Plant Protection and Weed Management, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, or call (410) 841-5920, or email to kimberly.rice@maryland.gov, or fax to (410) 841-5835. Comments will be accepted through March 19, 2018. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Invasive Plants.

A The following plants are classified as Tier 1 invasive plants upon adoption of this regulation (see Department's website for adoption date [http://mda.maryland.gov/plantspests/Pages/maryland invasive plants prevention and control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plantspests/Pages/maryland%20invasive%20plants%20prevention%20and%20control.aspx)):

(1) — (3) (text unchanged)

- (4) *Euonymus fortune* (wintercreeper); [and]
- (5) *Lonicera maackii* (Amur honeysuckle); *and*
- (6) *Corydalis incisa* (*incised fumewort*).

B (text unchanged)

C. The following plants are classified as Tier 2 invasive plants upon adoption of this regulation (see Department's website for adoption date [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland invasive plants prevention and control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland%20invasive%20plants%20prevention%20and%20control.aspx)):

- (1) — (5) (text unchanged)
- (6) *Cytisus scoparius*, (Scotch broom); [and]
- (7) *Nandina domestica* (heavenly bamboo)[.], *except for the cultivar Firepower*;
- (8) *Phyllostachys aurea* (*golden bamboo*);
- (9) *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* (*yellow groove bamboo*);
- (10) *Pyrus calleryana* (*Callery pear*); *and*
- (11) *Tetradium daniellii* (*bee bee tree*).

D. — G. (text unchanged)

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