
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL INSPECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In 2005, the legislature passed Act 64, Session
2 Laws of Hawaii 2005 (Act 64), relating to agricultural
3 inspections. As to the problem of invasive species (pests), Act
4 64 declared that imported commodities that are considered high
5 risk for pests should receive the level of attention necessary
6 to protect Hawaii from pests, regardless of their point of
7 origin or means of transportation. To better address the
8 problem of invasive species, Act 64 authorized the department of
9 agriculture to adopt rules that require shipping documents to
10 identify specific articles. However, the current statutory
11 language does not suffice, as the department of agriculture
12 lacks rulemaking authority over articles not related to
13 agriculture, such as furniture, building materials, or rocks,
14 which, in the department's recent experience, are also known to
15 harbor pests. Further, the department of agriculture has found
16 the point of origin of imported articles to be highly relevant
17 to the risk of pest entry into the State and interisland
18 movement within the State. In order to allocate appropriate

1 inspection resources according to the risk level of the article
2 being imported or moved interisland, the department of
3 agriculture needs advance notice of the identification of
4 specific articles or commodities being imported or moved
5 interisland and their points of origin.

6 The purpose of this Act is to expand the department of
7 agriculture's inspection and quarantine authority to reach
8 nonagricultural materials that may harbor pests and to authorize
9 the department of agriculture to require shipping and
10 transportation companies to provide advance notification of the
11 identification of specific articles, whether agricultural or
12 nonagricultural, that are transported for entry into the State
13 or moved interisland within the State, and of the point of
14 origin of the articles.

15 SECTION 2. Section 150A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "~~§150A-5~~ Conditions of importation[-] or interisland
18 movement. The importation into the State or movement from one
19 island within the State to another island therein of any of the
20 following articles, viz., nursery-stock, tree, shrub, herb,
21 vine, cut-flower, cutting, graft, scion, bud, seed, leaf, root,
22 or rhizome; nut, fruit, or vegetable; grain, cereal, or legume



1 in the natural or raw state; moss, hay, straw, dry-grass, or
2 other forage; unmanufactured log, limb, or timber, or any other
3 plant-growth or plant-product, unprocessed or in the raw state;
4 soil; microorganisms; live bird, reptile, nematode, insect, or
5 any other animal in any stage of development (that is in
6 addition to the so-called domestic animal, the quarantine of
7 which is provided for in chapter 142); box, vehicle, baggage, or
8 any other container in which such articles have been transported
9 or any packing material used in connection therewith, or any
10 nonagricultural article capable of harboring pests, including
11 but not limited to, rocks, building materials, or furniture,
12 shall be made in the manner hereinafter set forth:

13 (1) Notification of arrival. [Any] Except as provided in
14 paragraph (2), any person who receives for transport
15 or brings or causes to be brought to the State or
16 transports between islands as freight, air freight,
17 baggage, or otherwise, for the purpose of debarkation
18 or entry therein, or as ship's stores, any of the
19 foregoing articles, shall, [~~immediately upon the~~
20 arrival thereof,] at a minimum of twenty-four hours
21 prior to arrival thereof for a marine vessel or four
22 hours prior to arrival thereof for an aircraft, notify



1 the department, in writing, of the arrival, giving the
2 waybill number, container number, name and address of
3 the consignor, name and address of the consignee or
4 the consignee's agent in the State, marks, number of
5 packages, description of contents of each package,
6 country, state, or territory and locality therein of
7 the contents' origin, port at which laden, and any
8 other information that may be necessary to locate or
9 identify the same, and shall hold such articles at the
10 pier, airport, or any other place where they are first
11 received or discharged, in such a manner that they
12 will not spread or be likely to spread any infestation
13 or infection of insects or diseases that may be
14 present until inspection and examination can be made
15 by the inspector to determine whether or not any
16 article, or any portion thereof, is infested or
17 infected with or contains any pest. [~~The department~~
18 ~~may adopt rules to require identification of specific~~
19 ~~articles on negotiable and non negotiable warehouse~~
20 ~~receipts, bills of lading, or other documents of title~~
21 ~~for inspection of pests. In addition, the department~~



1 ~~shall adopt rules to designate restricted articles~~
2 ~~that shall require:~~

3 ~~(A) A permit from the department in advance of~~
4 ~~importation; or~~

5 ~~(B) A department letter of authorization or~~
6 ~~registration in advance of importation.]~~

7 A department inspector may order the quarantine of, or
8 hold for examination any freight, air freight, or
9 baggage, transported for the purpose of debarkation or
10 entry, or as ship's stores, when any person fails to
11 comply with any of the above-mentioned notification
12 requirements.

13 In addition, the department shall adopt rules to
14 designate restricted articles that shall require a
15 permit from the department in advance of importation
16 and shall designate other articles that shall require
17 a department letter of authorization or registration
18 in advance of importation. The restricted articles
19 shall include but not be limited to certain
20 microorganisms or living insects. Failure to obtain
21 the permit, letter of authorization, or registration
22 in advance is a violation of this section;



1 (2) Individual passengers, officers, and crew.

2 (A) It shall be the responsibility of the
3 transportation company to distribute, prior to
4 the debarkation of passengers and baggage, the
5 State of Hawaii plant and animal declaration form
6 to each passenger, officer, and crew member of
7 any aircraft or vessel originating in the
8 continental United States or its possessions or
9 from any other area not under the jurisdiction of
10 the appropriate federal agency in order that the
11 passenger, officer, or crew member can comply
12 with the directions and requirements appearing
13 thereon. All passengers, officers, and crew
14 members, whether or not they are bringing or
15 causing to be brought for entry into the State
16 the articles listed on the form, shall complete
17 the declaration, except that one adult member of
18 a family may complete the declaration for other
19 family members. Any person who defaces the
20 declaration form required under this section,
21 gives false information, fails to declare
22 restricted articles in the person's possession or



1 baggage, or fails to declare in cargo manifests
2 is in violation of this section;

3 (B) Completed forms shall be collected by the
4 transportation company and be delivered,
5 immediately upon arrival, to the inspector at the
6 first airport or seaport of arrival. Failure to
7 distribute or collect declaration forms or to
8 immediately deliver completed forms is a
9 violation of this section; and

10 (C) It shall be the responsibility of the officers
11 and crew of an aircraft or vessel originating in
12 the continental United States or its possessions
13 or from any other area not under the jurisdiction
14 of the appropriate federal agency to immediately
15 report all sightings of any plants and animals to
16 the plant quarantine branch. Failure to comply
17 with this requirement is a violation of this
18 section;

19 (3) Plant and animal declaration form. The form shall
20 include directions for declaring domestic and other
21 animals cited in chapter 142, in addition to the
22 articles enumerated in this chapter;



1 (4) Labels. Each container in which any of the above-
2 mentioned articles are imported into the State shall
3 be plainly and legibly marked, in a conspicuous manner
4 and place, with the name and address of the shipper or
5 owner forwarding or shipping the same, the name or
6 mark of the person to whom the same is forwarded or
7 shipped or the person's agent, the name of the
8 country, state, or territory and locality therein
9 where the product was grown or produced~~[7]~~ or where
10 the nonagricultural article was manufactured or
11 originated, and a statement of the contents of the
12 container. Upon failure to comply with this
13 paragraph, the importer or carrier is in violation of
14 this section;

15 (5) Authority to inspect. Whenever the inspector has good
16 cause to believe that the provisions of this chapter
17 are being violated, the inspector may:

18 (A) Enter and inspect any aircraft, vessel, or other
19 carrier at any time after its arrival within the
20 boundaries of the State, whether offshore, at the
21 pier, or at the airport, for the purpose of
22 determining whether any of the articles or pests



1 enumerated in this chapter or rules adopted
2 thereto, is present;

3 (B) Enter into or upon any pier, warehouse, airport,
4 or any other place in the State where any of the
5 above-mentioned articles are moved or stored, for
6 the purpose of ascertaining, by inspection and
7 examination, whether or not any of the articles
8 is infested or infected with any pest or disease
9 or contaminated with soil or contains prohibited
10 plants or animals; and

11 (C) Inspect any baggage or personal effects of
12 disembarking passengers, officers, and crew
13 members on aircraft or vessels arriving in the
14 State to ascertain if they contain any of the
15 articles or pests enumerated in this chapter. No
16 baggage or other personal effects of the
17 passengers or crew members shall be released
18 until the baggage or effects have been passed.

19 Baggage or cargo inspection shall be made at the
20 discretion of the inspector, on the pier, vessel, or
21 aircraft or in any quarantine or inspection area.



1 Whenever the inspector has good cause to believe
2 that the provisions of this chapter are being
3 violated, the inspector may require that any box,
4 package, suitcase, or any other container carried as
5 ship's stores, cargo, or otherwise by any vessel or
6 aircraft moving between the continental United States
7 and Hawaii or between the Hawaiian Islands, be opened
8 for inspection to determine whether any article
9 prohibited or restricted by or any pest prohibited by
10 this chapter or by rules adopted pursuant thereto is
11 present. It is a violation of this section if any
12 prohibited article or any restricted article without a
13 permit, or any pest or any plant, fruit, or vegetable
14 infested with plant pests is found;

15 (6) Request for importation and inspection. In addition
16 to requirements of the United States customs
17 authorities concerning invoices or other formalities
18 incident to importations into the State, the importer
19 shall be required to file a written statement with the
20 department, signed by the importer or the importer's
21 agent, setting forth the importer's desire to import



1 certain of the above-mentioned articles into the State
2 and:

3 (A) Giving the following additional information:

4 (i) The kind (scientific name), if applicable,
5 quantity, and description;

6 (ii) The country, state, or territory and
7 locality therein where same were grown or
8 produced[+] or where the nonagricultural
9 article was manufactured or originated;

10 (iii) Certification that all animals to be
11 imported are the progeny of captive
12 populations or have been held in captivity
13 for a period of one year immediately prior
14 to importation or have been specifically
15 approved for importation by the board;

16 (iv) The port from which the same were last
17 shipped;

18 (v) The name of the shipper; and

19 (vi) The name of the consignee; and

20 (B) Containing:



- 1 (i) A request that the department, by its duly
2 authorized agent, examine the articles
3 described;
- 4 (ii) An agreement by the importer to be
5 responsible for all costs, charges, or
6 expenses; and
- 7 (iii) A waiver of all claims for damages incident
8 to the inspection or the fumigation,
9 disinfection, quarantine, or destruction of
10 the articles, or any of them, as hereinafter
11 provided, if any treatment is deemed
12 necessary.

13 Failure or refusal to file a statement, including
14 the agreement and waiver, is a violation of this
15 section and may, in the discretion of the department,
16 be sufficient cause for refusing to permit the entry
17 of the articles into the State;

- 18 (7) Place of inspection. If, in the judgment of the
19 inspector, it is deemed necessary or advisable to move
20 any of the above-mentioned articles, or any portion
21 thereof, to a place more suitable for inspection than
22 the pier, airport, or any other place where they are



1 first received or discharged, the inspector is
2 authorized to do so. All costs and expenses incident
3 to the movement and transportation of the articles to
4 such place shall be borne by the importer or the
5 importer's agent. If the importer, importer's agent,
6 or transportation company requests inspection of
7 sealed containers of the above-mentioned articles at
8 locations other than where the articles are first
9 received or discharged and the department determines
10 that inspection at such place is appropriate, the
11 department may require payment of costs necessitated
12 by these inspections, including overtime costs;

13 (8) Disinfection or quarantine. If, upon inspection, any
14 article received or brought into the State for the
15 purpose of debarkation or entry therein is found to be
16 infested or infected or there is reasonable cause to
17 presume that it is infested or infected and the
18 infestation or infection can, in the judgment of the
19 inspector, be eradicated, a treatment shall be given
20 such article. The treatment shall be at the expense
21 of the owner or the owner's agent, and the treatment
22 shall be as prescribed by the department. The article



1 shall be held in quarantine at the expense of the
2 owner or the owner's agent at a satisfactory place
3 approved by the department for a sufficient length of
4 time to determine that eradication has been
5 accomplished. If the infestation or infection is of
6 such nature or extent that it cannot be effectively
7 and completely eradicated, or if it is a potentially
8 destructive pest or it is not widespread in the State,
9 or after treatment it is determined that the
10 infestation or infection is not completely eradicated,
11 or if the owner or the owner's agent refuses to allow
12 the article to be treated or to be responsible for the
13 cost of treatment and quarantine, the article, or any
14 portion thereof, together with all packing and
15 containers, may, at the discretion of the inspector,
16 be destroyed or sent out of the State at the expense
17 of the owner or the owner's agent. Such destruction
18 or exclusion shall not be made the basis of a claim
19 against the department or the inspector for damage or
20 loss incurred;

21 (9) Disposition. Upon completion of inspection, either at
22 the time of arrival or at any time thereafter should



1 any article be held for inspection, treatment, or
2 quarantine, the inspector shall affix to the article
3 or the container or to the delivery order in a
4 conspicuous place thereon, a tag, label, or stamp to
5 indicate that the article has been inspected and
6 passed. This action shall constitute a permit to
7 bring the article into the State; and

8 (10) Ports of entry. None of the articles mentioned in
9 this section shall be allowed entry into the State
10 except through the airports and seaports in the State
11 designated and approved by the board."

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

Agricultural Inspections

Description:

Grants the Department of Agriculture authority to require advance written notification of arrival of articles transported to the State or from one island within the State to another as freight, air freight, baggage, or otherwise, for the purpose of debarkation. Broadens the range of articles subject to advance notification and possible inspection to include nonagricultural articles capable of harboring pests. Corrects an error that occurred in Act 64, SLH 2005, regarding import of restricted articles so as to be consistent with other parts of the statute.
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