

Variance permit issued to allow the sale of *Euonymus alatus* 'Rudy Haag'.

On May 2, 2017 the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry issued a permit to allow the sale of *Euonymus alatus* 'Rudy Haag' until 12/31/2019 to O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham, Maine. The permit is a variance from CMR 01-001, Chapter 273 and only allows the sale of existing stocks. No new plants or propagules may be imported.

The decision to allow the sale was reached by consensus of the Invasive Plants in Commerce Committee. The nine member volunteer committee was recently convened by the Department and will serve as the official group to hear petitions to add or remove species or subsets of species to or from the Chapter 273 list of invasive plants.

Questions about the permit may be directed to the Gary Fish, Maine State Horticulturist. Contact info below.



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CMR 01 – 001, Chapter 273 Section VI(A) allows for granting of variances for other purposes under conditions prescribed by the State Horticulturist. A variance shall be in the form of a permit issued by the State Horticulturist.

On April 25, 2017 the Terrestrial Invasive Plants in Commerce Committee met to discuss a petition to exempt *Euonymus alatus* cultivar 'Rudy Haag' from the list of invasive plants. The committee came to consensus on allowing a variance that grants a permit to O'Donal's Nursery to sell its existing stock.

1. O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham, Maine is granted a variance to sell the *Euonymus alatus* cultivar, 'Rudy Haag' for up to three more growing seasons.
2. Only the existing stock in inventory is allowed to be sold. No new stock can be imported or existing stock propagated.
3. After 12/31/2019 all cultivars and varieties of *Euonymus alatus* can no longer be sold by O'Donal's Nursery.

This document shall serve as the permit to O'Donal's Nursery.

Permit Issued – May 2, 2017

Permit Expires – December 31, 2019

Variance Grated and Permit Issued by:

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