

Importing Bromeliads to Hawai'i

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The State of Hawai'i has established restrictions on the importation of bromeliad (Bromeliaceae) plants to prevent the introduction of pests harmful to the pineapple industry and environment. Please adhere to the following guidelines when bringing bromeliads into Hawaii for the 2014 World Bromeliad Conference:

Bromeliads originating from domestic United States:

- ❖ Only bromeliad plants of genus other than *Ananas* (pineapple) may be brought into Hawaii for the conference.
- ❖ Individuals arriving in Hawaii must declare all plants and plant parts on the "Plants and Animals Declaration Form" and present these items for inspection to a Plant Quarantine inspector in the baggage claim area. Shipments may be ordered to an inspection office for examination.
- ❖ Bromeliad shipments sent to Hawaii for the conference via USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc., must be labeled "LIVE PLANTS. MAY BE OPENED FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION" and addressed to the following inspection office:
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Plant Quarantine Branch
c/o Hawaii Bromeliad Society
1849 Auiki St.
Honolulu, HI 96819
- ❖ Bromeliad plants should be shipped bare-rooted or in artificial media; no soil/earth allowed.
- ❖ All plant shipments must be accompanied by an invoice or manifest containing the owner's name and a list of the contents and quantities enclosed. Each plant must be labeled as to genus and species.
- ❖ All plant shipments must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate or a certificate of origin issued by an agricultural official of the state of origin.
- ❖ The Hawaii Bromeliad Society is the designated permittee on behalf of all bromeliad importers participating in the 2014 World Bromeliad Conference. HBS will arrange for pick-up from the inspection office and delivery of plant shipments to the conference location. HBS will not be held responsible for any damages incurred in shipping.

Bromeliads from Hawaii:

- ❖ Plant material shipped from Hawaii may be subject to import requirements of the receiving state or country; please contact your area officials for more information.

For additional information on the conference, please contact the Hawaii Bromeliad Society at: hawaiibromeliadsociety.org or www.bsi.org