

STATE REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION

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Christmas trees, greens, and other plants are subject to state Department of Food and Agriculture quarantine inspection at the California border. There are quarantine restrictions against the importation of any pine trees or branches and twigs thereof, including cut or balled Christmas trees of Scotch pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), red pine (*Pinus resinosa*), and Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra*), including all subspecies thereof.

The state does not otherwise regulate the transportation of imported Christmas trees since this constitutes interstate commerce. Importers bringing trees, specified desert plants, shrubs, or boughs into California by truck should be advised to have a bill of sale or other evidence of ownership with each load so that shipments can be properly identified and separated from those subject to the requirements of PC Sections 384a-384f. Some neighboring states have similar laws. CDF responsibilities for quarantine regulations are otherwise in general limited to answering or referring inquiries to appropriate state Department of Food and Agriculture sources.

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