

## Request to Exempt a Specific Cultivar from CMR 01-001 Chapter 273 Restrictions

Complete this form and submit it to the Maine Department of  
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Horticulture Program.  
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horticulture@maine.gov

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| Requested cultivar to be assessed:  |  |
| Species:  |  |
| Date of request:  |  |
| Person making the request:<br>Name:<br>Organization/Company<br>Address<br>City/State/Zip:<br>Telephone:<br>Email: |  |

View complete list of invasive plants in CMR 01-001Chapter 273 to make sure the species you are referring to is currently prohibited from sale.

**Please answer the following questions and include significant scientific research and analysis. The more detail you can provide us the better.**

1. Approximately how long has this cultivar been in production/for sale in Maine? If unknown for Maine, approximately how long has this cultivar been in production/for sale in the United States?

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2. Is this cultivar recognizable as different from the species? Please describe how this cultivar can be discerned from other cultivars or the wild type. Include all appropriate references, photos, or any other information. (See below for acceptable references.)

Yes

No

References: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Please describe in as much detail as possible the traits of this cultivar that might result in it being less invasive than the species. Consider things like: Does the cultivar produce fewer seeds or less viable or competitive seedlings? Is the cultivar's spread, abundance, or competitiveness somewhat reduced? Include appropriate references. (See below for acceptable references.)

Description of Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

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References: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Is this cultivar known to readily (or occasionally) revert or produce hybrids that revert to the wild type species characteristics? Include appropriate references. (See below for acceptable references.)

Yes  No

References: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please list any other references you have discovered that may help support the request or which might also be contradictory to the request but indicate research done in other climates or hardiness zones. (See below for acceptable references.)

References: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Acceptable References**

- References that are given the greatest weight include: peer reviewed journal articles and controlled research studies which may not have been published at the time of submission
- References that are given moderate weight include: materials from books, editorial comments from journals, and information from university websites.
- References that will be considered but given lower weight include: testimonials from curators or directors of botanical gardens, plant breeders with experience with the plant and university or extension specialists.
  - For testimonials, please obtain a written reference (emails and faxes are acceptable) that includes the individual's name, a description of their experience, and information regarding the area of the country (hardiness zone, climate, etc.) in which they are familiar with the cultivar in question.

### **Please send form to:**

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