



# **An Overview of the Screening Processes Initiated by the Hawaii Superferry, A Large Capacity Ferry Vessel**

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# ACT 002

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- To facilitate the establishment of inter-island ferry service and at the same time protect Hawaii's fragile environment
- To amend relevant existing laws while any environmental reviews and studies are prepared for completion
- To allow the operation of a large capacity ferry vessel
- To allow the construction and use of related harbor improvements

# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07-10

*Pursuant to Section 4(c) of Act 2, includes the following conditions and protocols:*

- Ocean Life and Marine Animals and Plants
- Water Resources and Quality
- Vehicular Traffic
- Public Safety and Security
- Invasive Species
- Cultural and Natural Resources
- Other (Miscellaneous Requirements)

# Invasive Species

- Conduct agricultural screenings of its passengers and all vehicles
- Disallow vehicles not screened or containing prohibited items
- Notify in advance that all vehicles and outdoor equipment have been thoroughly washed and free of debris
- Notify in advance that all four-wheel drive, off-road and all-terrain vehicles must be free of dirt or mud
- Disallow any vehicles that are excessively dirty, muddy or have caked on mud

# Invasive Species

- Allow only living plants and propagative plant parts that are accompanied by a valid DOA certificate of inspection
- Permit DOA inspections of cut or harvested flowers, foliage, fruits, vegetables, and/or other non-propagative plant parts
- Permit domestic cats, dogs, pigeons and rabbits without a DOA certificate
- Permit domestic livestock (domestic cattle, horses, donkeys, goats and sheep) and poultry (chickens and roosters), if accompanied by a valid DOA certificate
- Do not permit any swine

# Invasive Species

- Notify in advance that valid DLNR hunting licenses are required prior to hunting
- Prohibit the transport of fishing nets of any kind
- Prohibit the transport of rocks, soil, sand, dirt or dead coral
- Provide boot scrubbers approved by DOA at each port terminal facility
- Require passengers to declare all plants, fruits, seeds, and any other biological medium
- Confiscate any “pests for control or eradication purposes” and invasive species

# Invasive Species

- Fully cooperate in any risk assessment that may be performed by DOA
- Fully cooperate with any monitoring or inspections by State officials, employees, or contractors

# DOA Training Initiatives

- Conducted training classes on Oahu, Kauai and Maui
- Training sessions lasted from 1 to 2 hours
- Provided historical information on the establishment of Hawaii's quarantine program
- Provided statutory authorities and related regulations
- Discussed program goals and objectives concerning the intrastate movement of agricultural commodities
- Provided examples of agricultural commodities and inspectional requirements

# DOA Training Initiatives

- Provided examples of valid DOA certificates of inspection – inter-island, nursery, nematode
- Provided examples of domestic animals that do not require a DOA certificate
- Provided contact information for obtaining a DOA certificate for allowable domestic livestock and poultry
- Re-emphasized articles or requirements that are prohibited for transport
- Provided for the proper disposition of prohibited articles removed from passengers and vehicles

# DOA Training Initiatives

- Provided examples of invasive species and pests – varroa mite, coqui frog, nettle caterpillar, little fire ant, banana poka, miconia, ivy gourd
- Provided statewide DOA contact information, including toll-free PEST HOTLINE number – **643-PEST**
- Discussed and demonstrated common everyday articles used as capture equipment
- Displayed invasive species information – past, present, future
- When available, displayed live invasive species

# Training Classes Conducted

## OAHU

- August 20, 2007 – (50) HS Port personnel
- September 17, 2007 – (55) HS Port and On-Board personnel
- September 20, 2007 – (20) HS Port / Maintenance personnel
- November 27, 2007 – (50) HS personnel
- December 27, 2007 – (8) HS Port personnel

# Training Classes Conducted

## KAUAI

- August 24, 2007 – (12) HS Port personnel

## MAUI

- August 22, 2007 – (30) HS Port personnel
- November 29, 2007 – (25) HS Port personnel

# DOA Monitoring SOP

- Adjusted work schedule to report no later than 90 minutes prior to departure
- Monitor HS screening process at the vehicle staging areas and passenger terminal
- Be available to provide assistance for questionable regulated articles
- Ensure the proper disposition of prohibited items removed by HS
- When available, monitor arrivals for continued compliance

# OAHU-DOA Findings for Dec '07

- A total of 15 departures with 2,813 passengers and 901 vehicles
- 14 departures resulted in the finding of 39 dead honey bees and/or parts – no varroa mites found
- 6 departures had various seeds removed that did not have a valid DOA certificate
- 1 departure had a shipment of 50 orchid plants removed that did not have a valid DOA certificate
- 1 departure had leaf litter removed
- 1 departure had fishing nets removed
- Inbound arrivals monitored with no further dispositions

# MAUI-DOA Findings for Dec '07

- A total of 15 departures with 2,440 passengers and 736 vehicles
- 9 departures resulted in the finding of 67 dead honey bees and/or parts – no varroa mites found
- 7 departures had various seeds removed that did not have a valid DOA certificate
- 2 departures had a lavender and two coconut plants removed that did not have a valid DOA certificate
- 5 departures with 9 vehicles with mud denied
- 2 departures with 2 vehicles with soil, sand and gravel denied
- Inbound arrivals not monitored

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**Mahalo**