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Att: **Rizzardo, F.**

Re: Your Application Dated September 10, 2010

Please be advised that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) cannot issue you a permit for the importation of the weevil named "Euhrychiopsis lecontei" as it has not been approved for use and environmental release in Canada as a biological control agent.

Any non-indigenous organism being proposed for use as a biological control agent must undergo a risk assessment and receive authorization for this end use prior to being imported and released (Please note that for the purpose of these petitions, a biological control agent is defined as "a natural enemy, antagonist or competitor, or other organism, used for pest control" (Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms, 2010. ISPM No. 5, FAO, Rome; https://www.ippe.int/file_uploaded/1273490046_ISPM_05_2010_E.pdf)).

To seek approval of an organism as a biological control agent, a petitioner must submit an application for a plant protection import permit to the CFIA's Plant Health Permit Office and indicate on their application form that they are petitioning for the approval of an organism as a biological control agent in Canada. In addition to the application form, a petitioner must also provide information supporting the safety and efficacy of the proposed organism as a biological control agent. Guidance on preparing such an information package is available from two Regional Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) developed by the North American Plant Protection Organization:

RSPM 7, Guidelines for Petition for the First Release of Exotic Phytophagous Biological Control Agents ([http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Standards\(all\)/RSPM7-Rev20-10-08-e.pdf](http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Standards(all)/RSPM7-Rev20-10-08-e.pdf))

RSPM 12, Guidelines for Petition for First Release of Exotic Entomophagous Biological Control Agents ([http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Standards\(all\)/RSPM12-Rev20-10-08-e.pdf](http://www.nappo.org/Standards/Standards(all)/RSPM12-Rev20-10-08-e.pdf)).

Once received, the Plant Health Permit Office forwards the application to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Biological Control Review Committee, who will review the information package provided. Once the review is completed, a letter signed by Canada's Chief Plant Health Officer is sent back to the petitioner to inform them of the decision to authorize or deny the release of the

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organism as a biological control agent.

Please note that the use (i.e., environmental release) of an approved biological control agent may also be subject to provincial or territorial legislation. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure they meet all federal and provincial/territorial regulatory requirements prior to its release.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Plant Health Import Permit Office at 613-773-7361 or at permitoffice@inspection.gc.ca.

Thank you



Import Permit Office
Office of the Chief Plant Health Officer