

Notice of Hearing Concerning: Proposed Permanent Quarantine

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2-2117, a hearing will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on January 24, 2024, in room 124, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502 in the matter of the issuance of a permanent quarantine regarding Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana* Decaisne). The proposed quarantine would affect all area within the borders of the State of Kansas and would prohibit movement of regulated items into or within the quarantined area.

Regulated items under quarantine would include the following:

- All seeds, plants, or parts of the plant of Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana* Decaisne) capable of growing or propagation.

The public hearing will be conducted in person and via video conferencing system. Members of the public who wish to attend the public hearing virtually must pre-register at <https://kansasag.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAldO2urTgsHNOBtK4W3ltFKbQnKHNSrLnP>. All interested persons may attend the hearing and will be given the opportunity to express comments either orally or in writing, or both. Interested parties may appear in person or by counsel.

Written comments and requests for information concerning the proposed quarantine should be directed to Jeff Vogel, Plant Protection & Weed Control Program Manager, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, jeff.vogel@ks.gov, at or before the time of hearing. A copy of the proposed quarantine may be accessed on the department's website at <https://agriculture.ks.gov/document-services/public-comment>. Comments may also be made through our website under the proposed quarantine. For persons intending to present oral testimony at the hearing, prior notice to the department would be helpful in arranging the agenda. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request each participant to limit oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request a copy of the quarantine in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Ronda Hutton at 785-564- 6715 or by fax at (785) 564-6777. Handicapped parking is located in the west parking lot and the entrance to the building is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

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Secretary of Agriculture