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RE: Restriction on Shipping of Coffee Plants, Coffee Plant Parts, Coffee- Related Packing Materials and Used Equipment to Harvest or Transport Coffee from Maui and Hawai'i Island

Dear Valued Customer,

As reported in recent news, the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture ("HDOA") has designated Maui and Hawai'i Islands as areas infested by coffee leaf rust ("CLR"), *Hemileia vastatrix*. CLR is a devastating coffee pathogen that can cause severe defoliation and reduction of photosynthetic capacity of coffee plants. Depending on CLR prevalence, both vegetative and berry growth are greatly reduced.

Effective immediately, the HDOA's Plant Quarantine Branch will be restricting the movement of coffee and other CLR carriers from Maui and Hawai'i Island. **As part of a critical effort to control the spread of this disease and in cooperation with the HDOA, Young Brothers will strictly enforce the rules summarized below.**

The interim rule restricts the following movement and transport from the island of Maui and Hawai'i Island:

- Coffee plants and parts, including green (unroasted) coffee beans, fruits, leaves, stems, twigs, cuttings, wood, logs, and mulch or green waste.
- Used coffee-related packing materials such as coffee bags
- Previously used equipment used to harvest, transport, or process coffee plants or plant parts

As a general reminder, shippers of vehicles, machinery, and equipment from all islands must ensure that the interior and exterior of such cargo is entirely clean and free of any dirt, mud, seeds, or plants or plant parts, prior to dropping off at a Young Brothers facility.



Informational Websites:

<https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/nr20-19clrrestrictions/>

<https://www.hawaiicoffeeed.com/clr.html>

<https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/files/2020/11/CLR-Public-field-guide-with-form.pdf>

As part of controlling these and other pests, please contact the HDOA Plant Pest Control branch at (808) 973-9525 or visit the websites listed to the left for more information about this disease and the rule restrictions.

Young Brothers takes our environmental stewardship responsibility seriously, and we will continue to work with public and private entities to prevent the transport of invasive species between islands. We appreciate your participation and cooperation to protect the environment in all of our communities.