



AGRICULTURE ENFORCEMENT ALERT

Live Spiders – Not Known to Occur in Hawaii

REFERENCE NUMBER
AEA3206IN08182010

FIELD OFFICE
San Francisco, CA

PORT (mode of transportation)
Kona, HI (maritime)

PHOTOS



Theridiidae Family

NARRATIVE

On July 28, 2010 CBP agriculture specialists were examining a container of granite stone from China, destined for Hawaii Zip code 96740, and encountered a sizable spider infestation. Since spiders are not a quarantine pest regulated by PPQ, specimens were submitted to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

They were identified as belonging to the Theridiidae family - a highly venomous Widow family not known to occur in the Hawaiian Islands and hence, a state actionable pest.

The container and cargo were fumigated under supervision of Hawaii Department of Agriculture.

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