



## **19<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference, Miami Florida** **Agricultural Import Information**

The 19<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference is right around the corner, and we look forward to seeing **YOU** there! The following information is to assist you in bringing your flowering/sales plants to the show. On arrival, all plants will be inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture for pests and diseases prior to being released.

- Before packing, check all plants for insects and diseases. Any plants found with insects and diseases will be fumigated or refused entry! Check all plants thoroughly.
- **Approved growing media** for the importation of established orchid plants are **coconut fiber or tree fern**. (Taiwan is the only country approved to use sphagnum moss). No exceptions! If plants arrive in an unapproved media, they will be bare rooted, at your expense.
- **All shipments must have the following documents: CITES, Phytosanitary Certificate, Invoice, and Packing list.** Retain all these documents, as you will need them if you want to take your plants back with you (see below '**After the show**').
- Exhibitors sending plants to the show need to have shipments consigned to a local person and address, such as: RF Orchids, 28100 SW 182 Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030. **DO NOT address shipments to the 19<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference!** Attached is a list of brokers for your convenience.

**After the show:** exhibitors wanting to re-export their material must have all original documents that came in with the shipment, including CITES. Exhibitors will need to procure a re-export CITES, and re-export Phytosanitary Certificate from the USDA at the show booth.

If you have any question, please contact:  
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