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Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center

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Dear Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center Clients:

Subject: COFFEE SAMPLE SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center (ADSC) is fully committed to providing a quality and timely fee-for-service analysis of soil and plant tissue from coffee growing operations on Maui and Hawaii Islands, or any other island confirmed with Coffee Leaf Rust (CLR). On December 15, 2020, the ADSC received approval from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) to continue the intra-state movement of coffee samples under permit number 21-12-O-P1973 for the purposes of laboratory diagnostics.

To prevent the spread of CLR, the ADSC established the following requirements for all coffee soil and plant tissue samples submitted to the ADSC from Maui and Hawaii Islands, or any island confirmed with CLR. Sample submissions not adhering to the following requirements will be refused by the County Extension Service (CES) Offices without exception.

Soil and plant tissue samples must be tightly sealed and doubled bagged in HDPE, PVC, or LLDPE plastic bags. Plant tissue sample submissions may use paper bags that is double bagged in HDPE, PVC, or LLDPE plastic bags. The interior plastic bag must be sealed independently of the outer plastic bag. The outside of each double bagged sample shall be treated with a 10% sodium hypochlorite solution or 70% isopropyl alcohol.

Each client must package the treated double bagged samples in a larger plastic bag that must also be tightly sealed and externally treated with 10% sodium hypochlorite solution or 70% isopropyl alcohol before submitting to a CES Office.

Please submit questions to adsc@ctahr.hawaii.edu

Thank you very much for your patience, the ADSC is looking forward to working with you!