OFFSHORE CUTTINGS GREENHOUSE CERTIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM

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THE BIG QUESTION

Can facility certification provide sufficient assurance to reduce inspection frequency on generally admissible, unrooted plant cuttings? POTENTIAL IMPACT? FY17 = 2 billion cuttings from 58 countries 327 of 717 million cuttings imported From 8 certified facilities in 6 countries

Represented 28% of total shipments imported during pilot





Miami and Atlanta Plant Inspection Stations

HOW DID WE From October – March, PIS inspectors: COLLECT THE Verified shipment originated from DATA? pilot facility and contained generally admissible cuttings; Inspected at current rate; and Recorded inspection data in ARM. ARM

WHAT DID THE PILOT REVEAL?

2.1% pest action rate - generally admissible, unrooted vegetative cuttings

2.3% non-certified

1.5% certified facilities

22% REDUCTION IN PEST ACTION RATE FROM CERTIFIED FACILITIES



