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Re-infestation on Guam of the Oriental Fruit fly has necessitated an embargo on imports of fruits and vegetables from Saipan and Tinian, David D.L. Flores, Director of Agriculture, said today.

Effective immediately, the following fruits and vegetables are prohibited entry into Guam from Saipan and Tinian: Avocado, Mango, Banana, Breadfruit, Guava, Tomato, Papaya, Star Apple, Citrus (grapefruit, lemon, lime, orange, tangerine, etc.) and all other tree fruits.

This regulation will remain in effect until Saipan and Tinian are free of the Oriental Fruit fly, Flores said. All items listed above will be confiscated at port of entry and be brought to the Department of Agriculture for proper disposal.

Flores asked the cooperation and assistance of the general public and officials in preventing further infestation of the pest, which can cause extensive damage to local fruits and vegetables.

Re-infestation of the Oriental fruit fly has occurred in the Sagua River area between Unstac and Agat. As of Tuesday activity was well underway to confine the infestation to this particular area.

A helicopter from Naval Air Station with department personnel on board is handling aerial spraying and distribution of control and eradication materials.

This is the first major re-infestation since the island was declared free of the Oriental fruit fly by the United States Department of Agriculture.