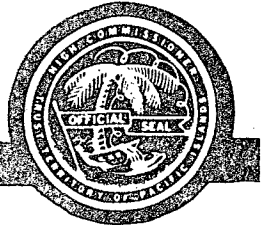


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Marianas

ROTA VEGETABLE QUARANTINE LIFTED

Truk

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Mar. 15 . . . A quarantine on importing Rota vegetables into other parts of the Mariana Islands has been lifted today by Staff Entomologist Robert Owen. A quarantine still remains in effect on shipping of Marianas produce into the Marshall and Caroline Islands.

Ponape

The quarantine on Rota vegetables was lifted since the U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared that the melon fly has definitely been reeradicated from Rota. Rota has been reinfested with the melon fly three or four times, and it is felt that this pest has finally been eradicated.

Marshalls

Yap

Since the melon fly still remains on Guam, the Trust Territory Department of Agriculture is continuing to check fruit fly traps and to take other measures in order to be immediately aware of any reinfestation of Rota with the melon or oriental fruit flies.

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