

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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PERMANENT  
QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 1001 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 1966  
(Superseding Permanent Order No. 962)

MINT WILT QUARANTINE

WHEREAS, the disease known as Mint Wilt (*Verticillium Albo-atrum* R & B) is injurious to species and varieties of peppermint and spearmint, resulting in drastically lowered oil production in areas of severe infection; and

WHEREAS, since 1961 a statewide quarantine has been in effect, restricting the movement of rootstocks; and

WHEREAS, the quarantine has been effective in retarding the spread of the disease to areas of new production, and in making growers aware of the necessity of better sanitary and cultural practices; and

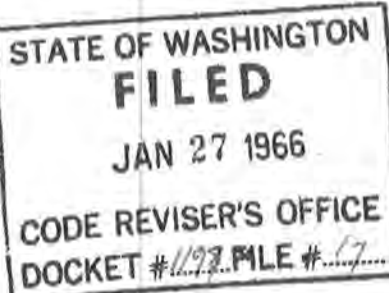
WHEREAS, it has been established that the Mint Wilt organism now is generally present and is an economic factor in mint production in most of the Yakima Valley (Yakima and Benton Counties), making it no longer feasible or practical to limit movement of mint planting stock within this area; and

WHEREAS, in all other mint-producing areas of the state the disease is much less prevalent and further spread should be prevented; and

WHEREAS, sources of disease-free foundation or registered rootstock are necessary to the maintenance of the industry in the State of Washington, and production of such disease-free stocks cannot be assured in areas where *Verticillium* Wilt exists and where commercial plantings are established; and

WHEREAS, only foundation or registered mint stock has been grown in all of Kittitas County, and no mint stock has been grown in the Ahtanum Valley of Yakima County and in the Cold Creek area of Benton County, and these areas apparently are free of *Verticillium* Wilt and are sufficiently isolated that they can be protected against infestation from this disease, and it is necessary to designate these areas as restricted areas, wherein only foundation or registered mint stock may be grown, so as to prevent the infestation of said restricted areas with *Verticillium* Wilt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald W. Moos, Director of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 17.24 RCW relating to insect pests and plant diseases, after public hearing held in Yakima, Washington on January 14, 1966, pursuant to Chapter 34.04 and 42.32 RCW, do hereby proclaim and establish a quarantine to become effective February 28, 1966, setting forth the name of the disease for which the quarantine is established, the area under quarantine, the restricted areas, the regulated areas, regulated articles, and the conditions governing the movement of regulated articles.



DEFINITIONS:

- (1) "Person" means a natural person, individual, or firm, partnership, corporation, company, society and association and every officer, agent or employee thereof. This term shall import either the singular or plural, as the case may be.
- (2) "Director" means the director of the State Department of Agriculture or his duly authorized agent.
- (3) "Mint Wilt" means *Verticillium Albo-atrum* R & B.
- (4) "Mint" includes, but is not limited to, all plants and parts thereof of all species and varieties of peppermint or spearmint that may be used for the production of oil.
- (5) "Mint planting stock" includes any portion of the mint used for reproduction and/or propagation.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

- Area No. 1. All of Kittitas County.
- Area No. 2. That portion of Ahtanum Valley in Yakima County bounded on the east by Highway 97 where it cuts through the Ahtanum Ridge, thence north along Highway 97 to a point directly east of Tieton Drive, thence west to and along Tieton Drive to the end of Tieton Drive continuing westerly to the State Land Boundary, thence south along the State Land Boundary to the summit of Ahtanum Ridge, thence east along Ahtanum Ridge to the point of origin.
- Area No. 3. That portion of Cold Creek Valley in Benton County bounded on the east by the Atomic Energy Commission fence line where it crosses the Rattlesnake Hills, thence north along this fence line to the point of intersection with the Columbia River, thence west along the Columbia River to its intersection with the Yakima Firing Center fence line, thence south along this fence line and the Benton County line to the point of intersection with the Rattlesnake Hills, thence east along the summit of the Rattlesnake Hills to the point of origin.

QUARANTINE AREA:

All portions of Yakima and Benton Counties not included in the Restricted Areas, and all areas outside the State of Washington.

REGULATED AREAS:

- Area No. 1. All lands of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains, except the lands included in the Restricted Areas and the Quarantine Area.
- Area No. 2. All counties of the State of Washington lying west of the Cascade Mountains.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING RESTRICTED AREAS:

Only foundation or registered stock may be planted or grown within Restricted Areas No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MOVEMENT OF REGULATED ARTICLES:

- (1) Movement of Regulated Articles from the Quarantined Area and the Regulated Areas into the Restricted Areas is prohibited unless accompanied by a permit signed by an authorized agent of the Department of Agriculture in the state or county of origin, showing that field inspections were made during the growing season and the Regulated Articles came from a mint field that meets all requirements for Foundation or Registered planting stock as defined in Chapter 15.14 RCW, and found to be free of Verticillium Wilt.
- (2) Movement of Regulated Articles from the Quarantined Area into the Regulated Areas is prohibited unless accompanied by a permit signed by an authorized agent of the Department of Agriculture in the state or county of origin, showing that field inspections were made during the growing season and the Regulated Articles came from a mint field that was found to be apparently free of Mint Wilt.
- (3) A grower in either Regulated Area No. 1 or Regulated Area No. 2 may, without the necessity of the permit required in (2) above, plant Regulated Articles grown by him in that Regulated Area on his own property within that Regulated Area.
- (4) Movement of Regulated Articles from one Regulated Area to another Regulated Area is prohibited unless accompanied by the permit required in (2) above.
- (5) Regulated Articles not meeting the requirements of this quarantine shall be returned to the point of origin or destroyed at the option and expense of the importer.

APPLICATIONS FOR INSPECTION:


Applications for inspection shall be made to the Department of Agriculture at the Othello or Yakima Horticultural Offices, before July 1 of the growing year.

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY:

All violations of this Order shall be dealt with according to the provision of RCW 17.24.100, making such violation a misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Order supersedes Order No. 962 and shall take effect on and after the 28th day of February, 1966.

  
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Donald W. Moos  
Director of Agriculture  
State of Washington

APPROVED:

  
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DANIEL J. EVANS, Governor

Signed at Olympia, Washington, this 27th day of January, 1966.