

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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PERMANENT
QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 962 EFFECTIVE APRIL 26, 1965
(Superseding Emergency Order No. 961)

MINT WILT QUARANTINE

WHEREAS, the disease known as Mint Wilt (*Verticillium Albo-atrum* R & B) is injurious to species of peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) and spearmint (*Mentha spicata*), 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 the Yakima Valley (Yakima and Benton Counties), making it no longer feasible or practical to limit movement of mint planting stock within those counties, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cameron S. Adams, Acting 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 hearings held in Yakima and Othello, Washington on January 19 and 20, 1965, pursuant to Chapter 34.04 and 42.32 RCW, do hereby proclaim and establish a quarantine to become effective April 26, 1965, setting forth the name of the disease for which the quarantine is established, the area under quarantine, 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 the species peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) or spearmint (*Mentha spicata*) 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.

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QUARANTINE AREA:

Yakima and Benton Counties in the State of Washington and all areas outside the State of Washington.

REGULATED AREAS:

Area No. 1 - All counties of the State of Washington lying east of the Cascade Mountains except Yakima and Benton Counties.

Area No. 2 - All counties of the State of Washington lying west of the Cascade Mountains.

REGULATED ARTICLES:

Mint planting stock, which includes, but is not limited to, all roots, stoles, rhizomes and cuttings of peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) or spearmint (*Mentha spicata*).

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MOVEMENT OF REGULATED ARTICLES:

- (1) 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.
- (2) A grower in either Regulated Area No. 1 or Regulated Area No. 2 may, without the necessity of the permit required in (1) above, plant Regulated Articles grown by him in that Regulated Area on his own property within that Regulated Area.
- (3) Movement of Regulated Articles from one Regulated Area to another Regulated Area is prohibited unless accompanied by the permit required in (1) above.
- (4) 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.

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This Order supersedes Emergency Order No. 961 and shall take effect on and after the 26th day of April, 1965.

APPROVED: Daniel J. Evans
 DANIEL J. EVANS, Governor

Cameron S. Adams
 CAMERON S. ADAMS, Acting
 Director of Agriculture
 State of Washington

Signed at Olympia, Washington, this 26th day of March, 1965.