

**WAC 16-470-700 Quarantine—Japanese beetle.** A quarantine is established under this chapter against all live life stages of the insect pest Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica* Newman), a member of the family Scarabaeidae. The Japanese beetle is a persistent, serious, and highly destructive pest, attacking the roots, leaves, and fruits of over 300 kinds of plants including fruit trees, ornamentals, and field and vegetable crops. The director of agriculture has determined that the regulation and exclusion of Japanese beetle is necessary to protect the environmental quality, forests, horticulture, floriculture, and agricultural crops of the state of Washington.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 17.24.011 and 17.24.041. WSR 22-17-068, § 16-470-700, filed 8/15/22, effective 9/15/22. Statutory Authority: Chapter 17.24 RCW. WSR 00-23-098, § 16-470-700, filed 11/21/00, effective 12/22/00; WSR 90-15-042 (Order 2049), § 16-470-700, filed 7/16/90, effective 8/16/90.]