ALASKA

PLANT QUARANTINE SUMMARY
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NURSERY STOCK DEFINITION

“Nursery stock" means any plant for planting, propagation or ornamental use.

GENERAL SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS

Each shipment of plants, brought into this state, shall have legibly marked thereon in a conspicuous manner and place the name and address of the shipper or owner, the name of the person to whom the same is forwarded or shipped, or his agents, the name of the country or state where the contents were grown, and a statement of the contents therein. Also, each shipment of plants, grown in a country or state which maintains inspection of plants, shall be accompanied by a copy of a current inspection certificate from such country or state.

NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Convolvulus arvensis .....bindweed, field
Rorippa austriaca ..... fieldcress, Austrian
Galensoga parviflora .....galensoga
Galeopsis tetrahit.....hempnettle
Solanum carolinense.....horsenettle
Centaurea repens .....knapweed, Russian
Latuca puichella..... lettuce, blue flowering

Agropyron repens.....quackgrass
Sonchus arvensis..... sowthistle, perennial
Euphorbia esula.....spurge, leafy
Cirsium arvensis .....thistle, Canada
Cardaria drabe, *C. pubescens*, *Lepidium latifolium*.....whitetops and its varieties
Lythrum salicaria..... purple loosestrife
Hieracium aurantiacum ……. orange hawkweed

QUARANTINES OR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Prunus padus and Prunus virginiana Quarantine

Authority: AS 03.05.010, AS 03.05.027, AS 03.05.040, AS 03.05.090, AS 44.37.030, 11 AAC 34.115, 11 AAC 34.130, 11 AAC 34.140, 11 AAC 34.160, 11 AA 34.170

Establishment of Quarantine: The Director of the Division of Agriculture under authority of AS 03.05.010 and AS 03.05.027; as the Director and the State Plant Quarantine Officer hereby establishes a quarantine at the boundaries of Alaska to prevent the entry and movement within the State of the following invasive plants.

PEST: Terrestrial plants listed below.

European Bird cherry *Prunus padus*
Chokecherry *Prunus virginiana*

This list is comprised of the recent and accepted scientific and common names of the quarantined plant species. Regulated status also applies to all synonyms of these scientific names.

STATES/COUNTRIES REGULATED: ALL

MATERIALS REGULATED: All whole plants, and all propagule parts of regulated plants.

RESTRICTIONS: It is prohibited to import, transport, buy, sell, offer for sale, or distribute whole or parts of these restricted species within the State of Alaska. It is further prohibited to intentionally transplant wild plants and/or plant parts of these species within the State of Alaska without written consent of the Director.

DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS: All shipments of quarantined articles arriving in Alaska or being shipped within Alaska in violation of this quarantine shall be immediately secured in a safe manner, and upon approval of the Director, shipped out of the State or destroyed by a method approved by the Division of Agriculture. All costs for shipment out of State or destruction shall be performed at the expense of the owner(s), recipient(s), or authorized agent(s).

2. EXTERIOR QUARANTINE OF AQUATIC PESTS

AUTHORITY: AS 03.05.010, AS 03.05.027, AS 03.05.040, AS 44.37.030, AS 03.05.090, 11 AAC 34.130, 11 AAC 34.140, 11 AAC 34.160, 11 AAC 34.170, 11 AAC 34.115

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE: The Director of the Division of Agriculture under authority of AS 03.05.010 and AS03.05.027; as Director and the State Plant Quarantine Officer hereby establishes a

quarantine at the boundaries of Alaska to prevent the entry of the following aquatic pests. This quarantine is in addition to and may be supplemented by any other quarantine(s) or bans established by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game under the newly adopted, but not yet effective,5 AAC 41.075(c) , as clams and mussels are a pest which attach to aquatic plants thereby giving the Division concurrent jurisdiction.

PEST: Aquatic agricultural pest listed below
Marimo Ball Aegagropila linnaei
Cladophora Ball* Cladophora aegagropila*
Asian clams *Corbiculajluminea*
New Zealand mudsnail *Potamopyrgus antipodarum*
Conrad's false mussel or dark false mussel *Mytilopsis leucophaeata*
Quagga mussel *Dreissenia bugensis*
Zebra mussel *Dreissenia polymorpha*

*Common nomenclature used within industry.

This list is comprised of the most recent and accepted scientific and common names of the quarantined plant species and animal-agricultural-pest species. Regulated status also applies to all synonyms of these scientific names.

STATES/COUNTRIES REGULATED: ALL

MATERIALS REGULATED: All whole plants and pests or pa1ts of regulated plants and pests
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RESTRICTIONS: It is prohibited to import, transpo1t, buy, sell, offer for sale, or distribute whole or parts of these restricted species within the State of Alaska, without specific written consent of the Director.

DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS: All shipments of quarantined articles arriving in Alaska, or being shipped within Alaska in violation of this quarantine shall be immediately secured in a safe manner, and upon approval of the Director, shipped out of the State or destroyed by a method approved by the Division of Agriculture. All costs for shipment out of State or destruction shall be per armed at the expense of the owner(s), recipient(s), or authorized agent(s).

3. Exterior Quarantine of Certified Seed Potatoes

Authority: AS 03.05.010, AS 44.37.030, 11AAC 34.075, 11AAC 34.130, 11AAC 34.150, 11AAC 34.170

Establishment of a Quarantine: The Director of the Division of Agriculture, under Statutory Authority as the State Quarantine Officer, hereby establishes a quarantine at the Alaska Boundaries to prevent the entry of contagious diseases of potatoes.

Regulated Pests: Contagious Diseases of Potatoes

Regulated Areas: All States and Countries

Regulated Commodities: Certified Seed Potatoes

Restrictions: Certified seed potatoes may not be imported into Alaska unless accompanied by a North American Health Certificate or Official Certificate, certified by the State or Country Official Seed Certifying Agency that demonstrates each lot and field generation from the previous production year, does not exceed the Alaska Certified Seed Potato Program disease tolerances at

final field inspection.

Disposition of Violations: All shipments of commodities in violation of this quarantine, shall be immediately shipped out of state or destroyed by a method approved by the Director of the Division of Agriculture. All costs for shipment out of state or destruction shall be performed at the expense of the owner, owners or duly authorized agent.

4. EXTERIOR QUARANTINE OF AQUATIC INVASIVE WEEDS

Authority: AS 03.05.010, 11 AAC 34.130, AS 03.05.027, 11 AAC 34.140, AS 03.05.040, 11 AAC 34.160, AS 44.37.030, 11 AAC 34.170, AS 03.05.090, AAC 34.115

Establishment of Quarantine: The Director of the Division of Agriculture under the authority as the State Quarantine Officer hereby establishes a quarantine at the boundaries of Alaska to prevent the entry of the following aquatic invasive weeds.

PEST: Aquatic plants listed: Canadian waterweed (*Elodea Canadensis*), Western nuttallii (*Elodea nuttallii*), Brazilian waterweed *(Egeria densa),* Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata),* Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum)*

This list is comprised of the most recent and accepted scientific and common names of the quarantine plant species. Regulated status also applies to all synonyms of these botanical names.

STATES REGULATED: ALL

MATERIALS REGULATED: All plants and plant parts of the regulated plants.

RESTRICTIONS: It is prohibited to import, transport, buy, sell, offer for sale, or distribute plants or plant parts of the regulated species within the state of Alaska. It is further prohibited to intentionally transplant wild plants and/or plant parts of these species within the state of Alaska.

DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS: All shipments of quarantined articles arriving in Alaska in violation of this quarantine shall be immediately shipped out of the state or destroyed by burning or other method approved by the Division of Agriculture. All costs for shipment out of state or destruction shall be performed at the expense of the owner, owners, or duty authorized agent.

5. COLUMBIA ROOT-KNOT NEMATODE QUARANTINE

PEST: Columbia Root-knot Nematode (*Meloidognye chitwoodi* Golden et.al.)

STATES REGULATED: The entire states of WA and ID; in CA the counties of Siskiyou and Modoc; in NV the county of Humbolt; in OR the counties of Morrow, Umitilla, Klamath, Lake and Malheur and other counties found infested in OR, NV and CA.

MATERIALS REGULATED: Potato tubers (including seed and table stock), used containers, bags,

appliances, grading and storage equipment, used farm equipment, implements and harvesters.

R**ESTRICTIONS**: Potato tubers intended for seed, produced in the quarantine area are prohibited entry. Potato tubers produced in non-quarantine counties in OR, NV, or CA are admissible if they are certified as not exceeding 0% tolerance for the presence of *M. chitwoodi* based on survey data or representative sampling. Potato tuber intended as table stock where surface or internal defects do not exceed 0% for nematode damage and the potatoes are treated with a sprout inhibitor if shipped January 1 through May 30. Potatoes for table stock from other counties in OR, NV and CA may not exceed 1% surface or internal defects for damage by nematode. All used containers, bags, appliances, grading and storage equipment, used farm equipment, implements and harvesters must be certified free from soil and related debris.

6. EXTERIOR QUARANTINE AGAINST POTATO LATE BLIGHT

Authority: AS 03 05.010, AS 03 05.030, AS 44.32.030

Establishment of a Quarantine: The Director of the Division of Agriculture under the authority as the State Quarantine Officer, hereby establishes a quarantine at the Alaska boundaries to prevent the entry of commodities into the state infected with Potato Late Blight.

PEST: Potato Late Blight (*Phytophthora infestans*)

STATES REGULATED: ALL

MATERIALS REGULATED: Certified seed potatoes and seed potatoes including seed for home gardens; potato plants and tomato plants including all varieties of *Lycopersicon lycopersicum* and *L. pimpinellifolium*. Tomato seeds are not regulated articles.

RESTRICTIONS: Regulated articles are prohibited for entry into Alaska except under the following conditions:

1. Seed potatoes or potato plants:
   a. are produced as certified seed potatoes in the state or country of origin and are certified and
   b. are inspected in storage and no late blight is found in the lot and
   c. are inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found.

2. Tomato plants:
   a. are grown in a nursery, or greenhouse inspected and found free of late blight and
   b. are inspected at the shipping point and no late blight is found and
   c. are treated prior to shipment with a registered fungicide for late blight disease control.

3. Each shipment of regulated articles into Alaska shall be accompanied by an official certificate issued by the government regulatory agency in the state or county of origin assuring that the conditions of this quarantine have been met.

DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS: All shipments of regulated articles arriving in Alaska in violation of this quarantine or found infested with potato late blight, shall be immediately shipped out of the state or destroyed by burning or other method approved by the division. All costs for shipment out of state or destruction shall be performed at the expense of the owner, owners, or duty authorized agent.