

WEST VIRGINIA NON-NATIVE PLANT-FEEDING SNAIL QUARANTINE

(Revised March 12, 1998)

West Virginia Department of Agriculture
Plant Industries Division

Statutory Authority: Chapter 19, Article 12, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia.

I. **Declaration of quarantine.**

Under authority of Chapter 19, Article 12, Section 6 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, a quarantine is hereby established to prohibit the introduction, raising, and maintaining of live, non-native, plant-feeding snails, and the holding of live, non-native, plant-feeding snails for consumption.

II. **Purpose of quarantine.**

Non-native, plant-feeding snails pose a significant threat to West Virginia's agricultural interests. The purpose of this quarantine is to prevent the introduction and/or distribution of live, non-native, plant-feeding snails into the State of West Virginia.

III. **Definitions.**

Commissioner - The Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of West Virginia.

Non-native, plant-feeding snail - Any snail that feeds on plants and does not occur naturally in West Virginia, including, but not restricted to, the following: the brown garden snail, Helix aspersa; the green or burrowing snail, H. aperta; the pulmonate snail, H. pomatia; the white garden snail, Theba pisana; the giant African snail, Achatha fulica; the giant South American snail, Megalobulimus oblongus, the lactea snail, Otala lactea; and any other species determined by the Commissioner to be a threat to West Virginia agriculture. Native West Virginia species are not included.

Plant material - All wild, cultivated, or greenhouse-grown plants, trees, shrubs, vines, bulbous plants and roots, grafts, scions, and buds. This definition includes nursery stock, annuals, bedding plants, vegetable plants, cut flowers and decorative plants without roots.

IV. **Regulated articles.**

1. Live, non-native, plant-feeding snails in any stage of development.
2. Plant material.
3. Any other articles determined by the Commissioner to be capable of transporting live, non-native, plant-feeding snails.

V. **Regulated areas.**

1. Those areas located in the states of Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington that are infested with non-native, plant-feeding snails.

2. Any other state or area found to be infested with non-native, plant-feeding snails, including snail rearing facilities in otherwise uninfested areas.

VI. **Conditions governing the movement of regulated articles.**

Regulated articles shall not be moved into the state of West Virginia from a regulated area unless they are accompanied by a certificate, issued by a duly authorized agriculture official of the state of origin, stating that the articles are free of non-native, plant-feeding snails.

VII. **Treatment or disposal of infested articles.**

Regulated articles that are infested with non-native, plant-feeding snails, or have been exposed to infestation by these plant pests, may be ordered destroyed or fumigated by the Commissioner at the expense of the owner.

VIII. **Penalties for violation.**

Any violation of this quarantine is subject to the full authority of the enabling statute, Chapter 19, Article 12, Section 16 of the Code of West Virginia, as amended.

IX.. **Effective date and duration.**

This quarantine is hereby ordered by the Commissioner to be effective March 12, 1998 and will remain in effect until rescinded by same.

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