

## Union County Mint Disease Control Area and Procedures

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(1) As authorized by ORS 570.405 to 570.435, a control area is established for the protection of the mint industry in Union County, Oregon, against the introduction and spread of *Verticillium* wilt disease caused by pathogens *Verticillium* spp. Such area includes all of Union County, Oregon.

(2) The following methods are to be used in the control area described in section (1) of this rule, for the control and prevention of the introduction of *Verticillium* wilt disease in the area:

(a) Mint root stocks imported into the control area for production of new mint fields shall be limited to Oregon State University Certified II or better root stocks; rootstock certified by similar certification programs in Idaho, Montana, or Washington; or other Department-approved certification programs of a comparable level;

(b) All mint root stocks planted within the control area must be certified in accordance with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section or have been certified by the Department in accordance with subsection (f) of this section;

(c) All farm equipment used in the commercial production of mint must be cleaned free of soil and plant debris using methods approved by Oregon State University or the Department prior to entering the control area;

(d) Mint growers shall provide the Department with complete maps showing the location of all mint fields, and whether they were planted with certified or noncertified root stocks. The source of certification shall be shown for each field planted with certified rootstock;

(e) Mint growers shall retain documentation of the sources of mint root stocks for any new plantings. New plantings shall be mapped and the maps submitted to the Department on or before June 15 of each year that this control area Order is in effect; and

(f) The Department shall inspect mint fields not eligible for Oregon State University certification for the presence of *Verticillium* wilt symptoms upon a request of the grower. Such requests shall be mailed to the Department on or before June 15. Phytosanitary certificates shall be issued only for those fields found free of *Verticillium* wilt symptoms and inspected after June 15 and prior to harvest of the mint for oil production. The Department shall assess the established state charges for time and mileage for any such inspections.

(3) Any violation of this Order shall be deemed to be a violation of ORS 570.410 and subject the violator to the penalty provisions of ORS 570.990. Additionally, any mint stock found to be in violation of this Order shall be destroyed or disposed of in a manner prescribed by the Department.

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