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CHAPTER 80-10-10
ST. AUGUSTINE GRASS DECLINE VIRUS QUARANTINE

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80-10-10-.01	<u>Determination Of Problem And Establishment Of Quarantine.</u>

(a) It has been determined that the destructive pest known as the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus defined as a plant pest under provisions of Code of Ala. 1975, §2-25-1(1), has become established in several states and countries. It is also found and determined that this pest is extremely injurious to Alabama cultivated crops, and that a quarantine against said pest would be in the best interests of horticulture and agriculture in Alabama.

(b) Due to the above determination, a quarantine against the above-defined pest is hereby established.

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80-10-10-.02 Definitions.

For the purposes of this quarantine, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) Certificate of Quarantine Compliance. A certificate or document issued by a duly authorized official representative of the state of origin verifying compliance with the provisions of this quarantine. Such certificate shall specify pesticidal

treatment applied, place where grown, name and address of distributor or consignor, and name and address of consignee.

(b) Commissioner. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries or his authorized representative.

(c) Infestation. The presence of the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus in any form or fashion or the existence of circumstances which make it reasonable to believe that the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus is present.

(d) Regulated Area. Any county, parish, township, city or other civil division or part thereof in any state, country or territory listed in this quarantine as being placed under quarantine, and such other areas as may become infested or deemed to present a hazard of spread of the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus.

(e) Pest. St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus in any form or fashion.

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80-10-10-.03 Articles And Pests Regulated.

The following pest and articles shall be regulated by this quarantine.

(a) St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus in any form or fashion.

(b) All propagating parts except true sexual seed, or host plants of St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus, either independently, or as weeds or contaminants of nursery stock, turfgrass, or pasture grass. Hosts of St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus include but are not limited to:

German Foxtail Millett	Setaria italica (L.) Beauv.
Pearl Millett	Pennisetum glaucum (L.) R. Brown
Proso Millett	Panicum miliaceum (L.)
St. Augustine Grass	Stenotaphrum secundatum (Walter)
Kuntze	
Crabgrass	Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop.

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80-10-10-.04 Areas Regulated.

The following areas are regulated by this quarantine:

- (a) All infested areas of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas.
- (b) All infested areas of the country of Mexico.
- (c) Any other country, state, or additional areas within currently quarantined states or country hereafter found to be infested with the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus.

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80-10-10-.05 Certificate Of Quarantine Compliance Requirements.

Regulated articles from regulated areas will be prohibited entry into Alabama, unless each shipment is accompanied by a certificate of quarantine compliance issued by and bearing the signature of an authorized inspector of the state of origin certifying:

- (a) That St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus does not occur within two miles of the site in which the regulated articles were produced;
- (b) The production equipment used on a site known to be infested with St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus has never been used on the site from which the shipment is being shipped;
- (c) That the identity of the shipment has been maintained and it has not been within two miles of a St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus infested site unless said shipment has been adequately protected from contamination.

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80-10-10-.06 Handling And Shipping Regulated Articles.

(1) Regulated articles from regulated areas will be rejected and returned to the shipper if found not to be accompanied by a certificate of quarantine compliance, or if found to be infested with the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus. If such articles cannot

be or are not returned to the shipper they shall be handled in accordance with Code of Ala. 1975, §2-25-17.

(2) The use of certificates of quarantine compliance shall not preclude the use of certificates of inspection (tags) as provided for in Code of Ala. 1975, §2-25-9, where applicable.

(3) Regulated articles may be shipped from regulated areas into Alabama for research purposes, provided a permit issued by the commissioner specifying guidelines by which such regulated articles must be handled is obtained prior to shipment into Alabama.

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80-10-10-.07 Authority Of Commissioner To Stop And Inspect.

The commissioner, after first displaying proper identification, is empowered to stop and inspect, without a warrant, any person or means of conveyance moving into, within or from the state of Alabama upon probable cause to believe that such means of conveyance or articles are infested with the St. Augustine Grass Decline Virus; and the commissioner is authorized to seize, treat, destroy or otherwise dispose of articles found to be moving in violation of this quarantine.

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