

*BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, TOPEKA, KANSAS*

*PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE QUARANTINE*

On this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of May, 2002 the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, pursuant to authority authorized by K.S.A. 2-2117, hereby determines that quarantine action is necessary to prevent the further introduction and spread of Purple Loosestrife into the State of Kansas and within the State of Kansas.

The Secretary does hereby make the following findings relevant to this plant:

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has determined that Purple Loosestrife, is a plant pest as defined in K.S.A. 2-2113.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Agriculture has located established populations of non-cultivated Purple Loosestrife in Kansas and public agencies in Kansas are currently committing resources to control populations of Purple Loosestrife in environmentally sensitive areas on public lands.

WHEREAS, Purple Loosestrife may reproduce, spread, and survive in Kansas.

WHEREAS, twenty-eight other states have taken regulatory action to limit the introduction and/or spread of Purple Loosestrife in Kansas.

WHEREAS, Purple Loosestrife is a terrestrial plant believed to have innate tendencies for invasiveness which requires that an exterior and interior quarantine of Purple Loosestrife be established in the State of Kansas.

**THE SECRETARY DOES THEREFORE ORDER THAT:**

In order to prevent and retard, suppress and control the spread of the plant pest, the movement of Purple Loosestrife **into the state of Kansas** from any other state of the United States, by any person, is forbidden. Further, the movement of Purple Loosestrife, **within the State of Kansas**, by any person is prohibited, unless authorized as a control measure by the Secretary of Agriculture.

**DEFINITIONS**

This quarantine shall apply to any "person" as defined by K.S.A. 2-2113, and all other terms used within this quarantine shall have the meanings as defined or established in K.S.A. 2-2113 *et seq.* as amended and supplemented.

## REGULATED AREAS

All area within the borders of the State of Kansas shall be subject to the restrictions of this quarantine. As established by K.S.A. 2-2115, "the Secretary shall have the right to enter and inspect any property in the state," for the purpose of enforcement of this act, except private residences, or to inspect any means of conveyance, upon probable cause that it contains material subject to this quarantine.

## REGULATED ARTICLES

For the purposes of this quarantine, "Purple Loosestrife" shall mean all species and hybrids of *Lythrum* except *Lythrum alatum* and *Lythrum californicum*. Purple Loosestrife plants or parts of plants capable of growing or propagation are prohibited. Forage, hay or any other commodity containing Purple Loosestrife plants or parts of plants shall be subject to the restrictions of this quarantine.

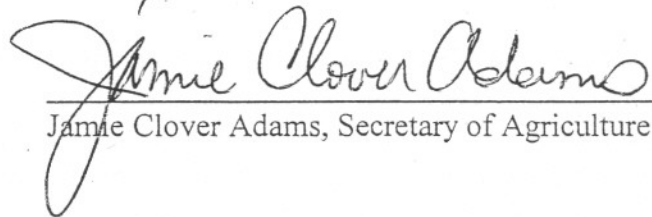
## EFFECTIVE DATE OF QUARANTINE

This Order of Quarantine shall become effective January 1, 2003, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by further order of the Secretary.

## VIOLATION OF THIS QUARANTINE

Any person who knowingly moves an article in violation of this quarantine may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2124 and 2-2125.

Dated and signed this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of May, 2002.

  
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Jamie Clover Adams, Secretary of Agriculture