

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FISCAL ESTIMATE AND
ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

Type of Estimate and Analysis

Original Updated Corrected

Administrative Rule Chapter, Title and Number

Ch. ATCP 20, SEED LABELING AND SALE

Subject

Addition of Palmer amaranth and waterhemp to List of Prohibited Noxious Weed Seeds

Fund Sources Affected

Chapter 20 , Stats. Appropriations Affected

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Fiscal Effect of Implementing the Rule

No Fiscal Effect

Indeterminate

Increase Existing Revenues

Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs

Could Absorb Within Agency's Budget

Decrease Costs

The Rule Will Impact the Following (Check All That Apply)

State's Economy

Local Government Units

Specific Businesses/Sectors

Public Utility Rate Payers

Would Implementation and Compliance Costs Be Greater Than \$20 million?

Yes No

Policy Problem Addressed by the Rule

Palmer amaranth and Waterhemp weed seeds are not currently prohibited noxious weed seeds in Wisconsin, so there is risk that these seeds may be distributed in Wisconsin. Adjacent states, including Iowa, are facing the emergence of these herbicide resistant weeds due to the distribution of seed that included these weeds. These weeds spread quickly and are extremely difficult to eradicate, risking cropland and crop production.

Summary of Rule's Economic and Fiscal Impact on Specific Businesses, Business Sectors, Public Utility Rate Payers, Local Governmental Units and the State's Economy as a Whole (Include Implementation and Compliance Costs Expected to be Incurred)

The current rule and the proposed emergency rule regulate seed labeling in Wisconsin. Many seed labelers are small businesses. However, this proposed rule will have limited economic impact on seed labelers in Wisconsin. The proposed rule has the potential to protect crop producers and farms from any negative economic impact that could result from the introduction of Palmer amaranth and waterhemp in Wisconsin.

Benefits of Implementing the Rule and Alternative(s) to Implementing the Rule

Adding Palmer amaranth and Waterhemp to the list of Prohibited Noxious Weed Seeds in ATCP 20 will prohibit the distribution of these weed seeds in Wisconsin. Implementation of this rule will help protect Wisconsin's farmers and cropland by prohibiting the introduction of noxious weed seeds, palmer amaranth and waterhemp.

This rule will assist in stopping the spread of restricted and prohibited noxious weed seeds, which are a current problem in many other states, including Iowa.

If this rule is not enacted, Wisconsin will be vulnerable to an inadvertent introduction of these noxious weed seeds, as experienced by Iowa with the introduction of palmer amaranth, which damaged thousands of acres of cropland this year.

Long Range Implications of Implementing the Rule

In the long-term, implementation of this rule will benefit the environment, the citizenry, and businesses that label seeds and grow crops Wisconsin.

Compare With Approaches Being Used by Federal Government

The Federal Government regulates the interstate movement of seed.

Compare With Approaches Being Used by Neighboring States (Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota)

Minnesota has had Palmer amaranth on the Prohibited Seed List as ERADICATE since 2014.

Iowa made Palmer amaranth a primary noxious weed starting 7/1/17 in both seed and weed laws.

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