

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**PESTICIDE AND PLANT PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**  
**REGULATION NO. 612. YELLOW RED VIROSIS**

(By authority of Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1945, being S286.251 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

**R 285.612.1 Chokecherries declared public nuisance.**

Rule 1. (1) In order to prevent the further introduction and spread of peach "X" disease (yellow red virosis) a serious contagious virus disease of chokecherries (*Prunus virginiana*) and peach and cherry trees, it is hereby necessary to order and declare chokecherries (*Prunus virginiana*) to be a public nuisance. Planting, possessing, growing, propagating, selling, or offering for sale plants, roots, or cuttings of chokecherries within distances of 500 feet of peach or cherry orchards and 1,000 feet of peach or cherry nursery stock is hereby prohibited, and any such plants now growing within the said distances must be eradicated.

(2) Any roots, cuttings, or plants now planted or growing within the said distances of peach or cherry orchards and peach or cherry nursery stock may be ordered destroyed by the director of agriculture or his inspectors.

History: 1979 AC.