(1) As authorized by ORS 570.405 to 570.435, a control area is established for the protection of the onion industry in the following described area through the eradication or control of onion white-rot disease caused by *Sclerotium cepivorum*. Such control area includes all of Malheur County.

(2) The following methods of control are declared to be the proper methods to be used in the control area described in section (1) of this rule, for the control and prevention of the introduction of onion white-rot disease into the area:

(a) No person shall import into the control area for the purpose of propagation any bulbs, sets, or seedlings of onion, garlic, leek, chive, shallots, or other *Allium* spp. Except those produced in adjacent Idaho Counties covered by Idaho Onion White-Rot Control Order in Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Owyhee, Twin Falls, and Washington Counties;

(b) Commercial onion propagation within the control area shall be limited to production from seed or from vegetative propagative material produced from seed within the control area;

(c) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall in any manner import or move machinery, tools, or equipment into the control area, which have previously been used in any manner on fields outside the control area where the host plants named in subsection (a) of the section have been cultivated. Machinery, tools, or equipment may be imported or moved into the control area if they are first cleaned and sterilized to the satisfaction of and with the prior approval of the Department. The cleaning shall include the thorough removal of all dirt by the use of steam under pressure. Sterilization shall be accomplished by the use of steam. For the purposes of this subsection, “machinery, tools, or equipment” includes, but is not limited to, farm trucks, harvesters, and tillage equipment;

(d) Machinery, tools, or equipment utilized in the adjacent Idaho Counties covered by Idaho Onion White-Rot Control Order in Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem Payette, Owyhee, Twin Falls, and Washington Counties are exempt from the prohibitions in subsection (c) of this section;

(e) The Department may stop the movement into or within the control area of any machinery, tools, or equipment which have not been cleaned and sterilized as
provided in this subsection, until such machinery, tools, or equipment are so cleaned and sterilized.

(3)(a) The Department may inspect any onions or onion planting areas within the control area during any time of the year to determine whether the disease organism is present therein. If the Department finds that any onions, whether or not being transported, or any fields are infested with the disease organism, it shall by written order, delivered or mailed to the onion grower or field owner, direct the control and eradication of the infestation, and may prior to issuance of the order, seize any infected onions which are separated from the land on which grown;

(b) Movement of such onions within the control area or removal of such from the control area may be carried out only with the Department’s prior approval and under its supervision.

(4) Control and eradication methods used shall only be those approved by the Department and may include:

(a) The destruction of any infected onions;

(b) A directive that a specific part or all of any infested area be taken out of onion production;

(c) A directive that any infested area be fenced, properly diked to prevent off-flow of irrigation or rainwater, and planted to an approved crop which will prevent soil erosion and will not require annual tillage;

(d) Prohibit the pasturing of animals on any infested area;

(e) A directive that equipment, tools, and machinery used on an infested area be cleaned and sterilized as described in section (3) of this rule prior to removal from said area.

(5) The Department may, with the consent of the owner, allow use of an infested growing area as an experimental plot by Oregon State University for onion white-rot research. Such use shall be subject to the prior approval of, and supervised by the Department.