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TITLE 4. AGRICULTURE

PART 1. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CHAPTER 19. QUARANTINES AND NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

SUBCHAPTER T. NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

§19.300. Noxious and Invasive Plant List.

(a) The following plants have serious potential to cause economic or ecological harm to the state.

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(b) Unless permitted by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Code §66.007 or by the Texas Department of Agriculture, a person commits an offense under the Texas Agriculture Code §71.152, if the person sells, distributes or imports into the state the plants listed in subsection (a) of this section in any live form.

(c) For the purpose of this section, the term "distributes" does not include the accidental or unintentional movement of noxious plant material in the course of legitimate construction activities or agricultural activities, including but not limited to, re-seeding, transportation of agricultural products and the movement of farm or earth moving equipment.

Figure: 4 TAC §19.300(a)

| Common Name           | Botanical Name                      |
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| <b>Noxious plants</b> |                                     |
| alligatorweed         | <i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>  |
| balloonvine           | <i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>    |
| Brazilian peppertree  | <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>     |
| broomrape             | <i>Orobanche ramosa</i>             |
| camelthorn            | <i>Alhagi camelorum</i>             |
| Chinese tallow tree   | <i>Triadica sebifera</i>            |
| Eurasian watermilfoil | <i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>        |
| giant duckweed        | <i>Spirodela oligorrhiza</i>        |
| giant reed            | <i>Arundo donax</i>                 |
| hedge bindweed        | <i>Calystegia sepium</i>            |
| hydrilla              | <i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>        |
| itchgrass             | <i>Rottboellia cochinchinensis</i>  |
| Japanese dodder       | <i>Cuscuta japonica</i>             |
| kudzu                 | <i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i> |
| lagarosiphon          | <i>Lagarosiphon major</i>           |
| paperbark             | <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>      |
| purple loosestrife    | <i>Lythrum salicaria</i>            |
| rooted waterhyacinth  | <i>Eichhornia azurea</i>            |
| saltcedar             | <i>Tamarix</i> spp.                 |
| salvinia              | <i>Salvinia</i> spp.                |

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| serrated tussock       | <i>Nassella trichotoma</i>          |
| torpedograss           | <i>Panicum repens</i>               |
| tropical soda apple    | <i>Solanum viarum</i>               |
| water spinach          | <i>Ipomoea aquatica</i>             |
| waterhyacinth          | <i>Eichhornia crassipes</i>         |
| waterlettuce           | <i>Pistia stratiotes</i>            |
| <b>Invasive plants</b> |                                     |
| chinaberry             | <i>Melia azedarach</i>              |
| Chinese tallow tree    | <i>Triadica sebifera</i>            |
| Japanese climbing fern | <i>Lygodium japonicum</i>           |
| kudzu                  | <i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i> |
| saltcedar              | <i>Tamarix spp.</i>                 |
| tropical soda apple    | <i>Solanum viarum</i>               |

