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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-fourth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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# EXECUTIVE ORDERS

of

## Governor Horace Hildreth

From May 13, 1947 to January 5, 1949

(as reported to the Director of Legislative Research)

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STATE OF MAINE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
AUGUSTA

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48**

Whereas, under authority of Section 1, Chapter 305, of the Public Laws of 1941, approved January 21, 1942, and entitled "An Act to Create the Maine Civilian Defense Corps and Provide for the Safety of the State in Time of War," the Governor is empowered and directed to provide for the security, health, and welfare of the people of the State; and

Whereas, representations have been made to me by the Commissioner of Agriculture of this State that there is now present in the County of Nassau of the State of New York, and particularly on Long Island in said county, the Golden Nematode (*Heterodera rostochiensis*), a soil infesting organism highly dangerous and destructive to a growing potato crop; and

Whereas, despite attempts by the State of New York to eradicate or suppress this disease, a soil survey made in 1946 would tend to indicate that this disease may still subsist in said areas; and

Whereas, it has been represented to me that potatoes transported from said areas into this State would be highly dangerous to growing potato crops within the State, due to the fact that potatoes so transported are capable of carrying such plant disease or organism above described;

Now, therefore, I, Horace Hildreth, Governor of Maine, by virtue of the authority vested in me by said Chapter 305 of the Public Laws of 1941, do hereby promulgate the following rule and regulation, to have the force and effect of law:

No person, firm or corporation shall bring into or transport within or through the State or any portion thereof any Irish potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*) from Nassau County in the State of New York;

And I hereby further declare to be unlawful any act contrary to the preceding paragraph.

I further direct and authorize any peace officer to seize any and all potatoes of the above description brought into and transported within the State grown in Nassau County as aforesaid, and to destroy the same.

This rule and regulation shall become effective at midnight of June 30, 1947, and shall continue until further order.

HORACE HILDRETH,  
Governor of Maine.

Dated August 6, 1947.