

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Asian Longhorned Beetle, *Anoplophora glabripennis*, Confirmed in Suffolk County, Massachusetts; Portions of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties Added to Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On July 7, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed the identification of Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

On July 2, a tree care company submitted a larva collected from a tree they were working on. The following day, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) visited the site and found several infested trees. The larva was positively confirmed as ALB by USDA's Agricultural Research Services' Systematic Entomology Laboratory. APHIS officials are coordinating with State and local officials to assess the infestation and initiate regulatory activities.

In response to this detection, APHIS is issuing a Federal Domestic Quarantine Order adding a portion of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts, to the ALB quarantine area. This action is effective immediately. Attached is the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for the subject action.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. This pest was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. ALB was later detected in Chicago, Illinois, in July, 1998. In October 2002, the beetle was found in Hudson County, New Jersey, and then in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, in August 2004. In August 2008, ALB was found in Worcester County, Massachusetts. In 2008, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program and the recent detections in Massachusetts, you may contact Christine Markham, APHIS' National ALB Program Director at (919) 855-7328 or Julie Twardowski, APHIS' National ALB Program Coordinator, at (301) 734-5332.

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FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine Notice for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States and is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51.

This Federal Order quarantines, effective immediately, portions of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties in Massachusetts for Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). This action is in response to a confirmed detection of ALB in this area of Massachusetts. Thus, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has determined that it is necessary to quarantine this area in order to prevent the spread of ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement of ALB regulated articles from the area within the boundaries listed below must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51 et seq. and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

The boundary for the regulated area of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties is as follows:

The area in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, including the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, that is bounded by a line starting at the intersection of Metropolitan Avenue and Poplar Street, which becomes Canterbury Street; then northeast on Canterbury Street to American Legion Highway; then northeast on American Legion Highway to Route 28; then north and northwest on Route 28 to Centre Street; then west on Centre Street, which becomes Perkins Street; then west on Perkins Street to Chestnut Street; then northwest on Chestnut Street to Cypress Street; then northwest on Cypress Street to Walnut Street; then west and south on Walnut Street, which becomes Warren Street; then west on Warren Street to Lee Street; then northwest on Lee Street to Heath Street; then southwest and west on Heath Street to Hammond Street; then south on Hammond Street to Lagrange Street; then south on Lagrange Street to Beverly Road; then southeast on Beverly Road to Independence Drive; then southwest on Independence Drive to VFW Parkway; then southwest on VFW Parkway to Corey Street; then southeast on Corey Street to Centre Street; then east on Centre Street to West Roxbury Parkway; then southeast on West Roxbury Parkway to Washington Street; then northeast on Washington Street to Metropolitan Avenue; then southeast on Metropolitan Street to the point of beginning.

APHIS has confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to quarantine these areas in order to prevent the human assisted spread of ALB. The areas quarantined to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.51-3.

7 CFR 301.51-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire State as a ALB quarantined area only when the Administrator of APHIS has determined, as in this case, that the designation of less than an entire State as a quarantined ALB area is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of infestations of this pest. In addition, 7 CFR 301.51-3(a) requires that the State enforces an intrastate ALB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal ALB regulations. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has established an intra-state quarantine for a portion of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.51.

7 CFR 301.51-3 (b) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.51-3(c). 7 CFR 301.51-3 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the ALB program in the affected State.

If you wish more details on the Federal ALB regulatory program, you may contact Christine Markham, APHIS' National ALB Program Director at (919) 855-7328 or Julie Twardowski, APHIS' National ALB Program Coordinator, at (301) 734-5332.

We appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Massachusetts in our effort to prevent the spread of ALB.