

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Expansion of the Quarantine Area in Worcester County, Massachusetts, for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area to include an additional 18-square miles of Worcester County, Massachusetts. The expanded ALB quarantine area in Massachusetts now totals 94-square miles.

In 2010, the ALB program detected approximately 1,857 infested trees during delimitation surveys in Worcester County. As a result, APHIS will continue to work closely with the State and affected municipalities to conduct surveys and other response activities, including the removal and treatment of any infested trees.

The attached Federal Domestic Quarantine Order describes the expanded quarantine area and includes the associated reference to the Code of Federal Regulations that lists the provisions for the movement of ALB-host material. This action is necessary to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. ALB 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 discovered in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and in July 2010, ALB was found in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. In 2008, after four years of negative surveys, 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 Brendon Reardon, APHIS' National ALB Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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FEDERAL ORDER
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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 adds, effective immediately, a portion of Worcester County, Massachusetts, to the area under quarantine for 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 revised boundary for the regulated area of Worcester County is as follows:

The portion of Worcester County, including the municipalities of Worcester, Holden, West Boylston, Boylston, and Shrewsbury, that is bounded by a line starting at the intersection of Route 140 (Grafton Circle) and Route 9 (Belmont Street) in Shrewsbury; then north and northwest on Route 140 to the Boylston Town Boundary; then follow the entirety of the Boylston Town Boundary until it comes to the West Boylston Town boundary on the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Watershed Property; then along the West Boylston Town boundary until it intersects Manning Street; then southwest on Manning Street in Holden to Wachusett Street (Route 31); then south on Wachusett Street to Highland Street (still Route 31); then southwest on Highland Street to Main Street; then southeast on Main Street to Bailey Road; then south on Bailey Road to Chapin Road; then south on Chapin Road to its end; then continuing in a southeasterly direction to Fisher Road; then southwest on Fisher Road to Stonehouse Hill Road; then south on Stonehouse Hill Road to Reservoir Street; then southeast on Reservoir Street until it intersects the Worcester City boundary; then along the Worcester City boundary until it intersects Route 20 (Hartford Turnpike); then east on Route 20 to Lake Street, then north and northeast on Lake Street to Route 9 (Belmont Street), then east on Route 9 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 and in the Federal Orders which

are located at the following APHIS website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/spro.shtml. The above listed revised quarantine boundaries replace the previous boundaries listed for Massachusetts.

The 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 Worcester County that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.51.

The 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). The 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.

The Federal Orders quarantining areas of Massachusetts have been necessary due to the ongoing delimitation of the ALB infestation in Massachusetts. This October 22, 2010 Federal Order updates and replaces all previous versions of Federal Orders pertaining to the expansion of quarantined areas in the ALB domestic regulations.

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 Brendon Reardon, APHIS' National ALB Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705 or Claudia Ferguson, Regulatory Policy Coordinator at (301) 734-0754.

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