

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION  
DA-2011-19  
April 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Updated List of Regulated Articles for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding the golden rain tree, *Koelreuteria* spp., to the list of genera regulated for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). APHIS is taking this action based on new scientific research that APHIS scientists conducted in China, which revealed that ALB is able to complete a full life cycle in *Koelreuteria* in the environment.

The attached Federal Domestic Quarantine Order 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 the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following 4 years of negative surveys, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Christine Markham, National ALB Program Director, at (919) 855-7328, or Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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1 Attachment:  
-Federal Order

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

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds the golden rain tree (*Koelreuteria* spp.) to the list of regulated genera found at 7 CFR 301.51-2(a) for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), *Anoplophora glabripennis*. This action is in response to new scientific information which revealed that ALB is able to complete a full life cycle in *Koelreuteria* in the environment. This was demonstrated in China, and confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Center for Plant Health Sciences and Technology.

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, or means of conveyance, 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.

Section 301.51-2 of the Code of Federal Regulations designates certain items as regulated articles. Regulated articles may not be moved interstate from quarantined areas except in accordance with the conditions specified in §§ 301.51-4 through 301.51-9 of the regulations. Regulated articles listed in § 301.51-2(a) for ALB include firewood (all hardwood species), and green lumber and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, inclusive of nursery stock, logs, stumps, roots, branches, and debris of half an inch or more in diameter of the following genera: *Acer* (maple), *Aesculus* (horse chestnut), *Albizia* (mimosa), *Betula* (birch), *Celtis* (hackberry), *Cercidiphyllum* (katsura), *Fraxinus* (ash), *Platanus* (sycamore), *Populus* (poplar), *Salix* (willow), *Sorbus* (mountain ash), and *Ulmus* (elm). This list of genera was based on scientific literature provided by government officials, scientists, and government and individual researchers from China as well as survey information collected in the United States since the time of discovery of the pest. This Federal Order effectively adds *Koelreuteria* (golden rain tree) to this list.

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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/spro.shtml)

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