

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Removes Islip, New York from the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) today announced that through a successful 11-year partnership with the State of New York, the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) has been eradicated from the area of Islip, New York.

In 2000, APHIS established a quarantine area in Islip, Suffolk County, New York after ALB was first detected in the area in order to limit the human-assisted movement and plant risk associated with this invasive pest. Since that time, APHIS worked closely with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to conduct eradication activities. After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and based on the results of at least three years of negative surveys of all regulated host plants within the quarantine area, APHIS determined that the villages of Bayshore, East Islip, Islip, and Islip Terrace in the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York, have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB.

The attached Federal Order immediately rescinds the quarantine area in the area of Islip, New York, for 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. Most recently, ALB was confirmed in Clermont County, Ohio, in June 2011. In 2008, after the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following 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, 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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FEDERAL ORDER
Removal of Islip, New York as a Quarantine Area for the Asian Longhorned Beetle
(*Anoplophora glabripennis*)
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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.

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in Islip, Suffolk County, New York. The rescinded boundary for the deregulated area including the villages of Bayshore, East Islip, Islip, and Islip Terrace in the Town of Islip in Suffolk County, New York, is as follows: Beginning at a point where Route 27A intersects Brentwood Road; then east along Route 27A to the Southern State Parkway Heckscher Spur; then north and west along the Southern State Parkway Heckscher Spur to Carleton Avenue; then north along Carleton Avenue to the southern boundary of the New York Institute of Technology; then west along the southern boundary of the New York Institute of Technology through its intersection with Wilson Boulevard to Pear Street; then west along Pear Street through its intersection with Freeman Avenue to Riddle Street; then west along Riddle Street to Broadway; then south along Broadway to the Southern State Parkway Heckscher Spur; then west along the Southern State Parkway Heckscher Spur to Brentwood Road; then south along Brentwood Road to the point of beginning.

The APHIS Administrator has determined that a quarantine area in the locations listed above is no longer necessary in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and based on the results of at least three years of negative surveys of all regulated host plants within the above quarantine area, APHIS determined that the villages of Bayshore, East Islip, Islip, and Islip Terrace in the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, New York, have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement of ALB regulated articles from the above described area is not required to 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.

APHIS has confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to regulate these areas in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. The areas regulated 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

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APHIS appreciates the cooperative relationship with the State of New York in the effort to prevent the spread of ALB.