

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Eradicates the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) from Manhattan and Staten Island, New York

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is declaring eradication of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Manhattan and Staten Island, New York, thereby releasing them from quarantine. Since 1999 in Manhattan and 2006 in Staten Island, APHIS has worked with its State partners to complete extensive survey, control, and regulatory activities in these areas to eradicate ALB from these areas.

APHIS determined that the boroughs of Manhattan and Staten Island can be removed from quarantine after program efforts resulted in three cycles of negative surveys of host trees within the regulated areas. The attached Federal Order immediately rescinds the regulated area in Manhattan and Staten Island, New York, for ALB.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwood trees. ALB was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. Since then, the beetle has been found in Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, Islip and Amityville in New York; Chicago, Illinois; Hudson, Middlesex, and Union Counties in New Jersey; Worcester and Suffolk Counties in Massachusetts; and most recently in Clermont County, Ohio. APHIS declared ALB eradication in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County; New Jersey in 2008, Islip, New York in 2011; and most recently in Union and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey on March 14, 2013.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Robyn Rose, National Policy Manager, at (301) 851-2283.

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Attachment (1)
Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

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Removal of Manhattan and Staten Island, New York as a Quarantine Area for the 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, 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, and 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 Staten Island and Manhattan, New York. The rescinded boundary for the deregulated area, includes the area in the Borough of Manhattan, starting at a point where the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel intersects the Manhattan shoreline of the East River, then following the eastern shoreline of Manhattan south and west around the southern tip of Manhattan to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, then west and north along the Manhattan shoreline of the Hudson River to a point of imaginary intersection of the western extension of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd would meet the Hudson River, then east along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to the approach to the Robert F. Kennedy Triborough Bridge to Wards and Randalls Islands, then north and east following the shoreline of these islands to the boundary between the Boroughs of Manhattan and Queens, then south along the boundary in the East River encompassing all associated islands to a point along this line where the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel crosses under the river, then west along the tunnel line to the point of beginning.

The rescinded boundary for the deregulated area also includes the area in the Borough of Staten Island in the City of New York bounded by a line beginning at a point along the State of New York and the State of New Jersey border due north of the intersection of Richmond Terrace and Morningstar Road; then south to the intersection of Morningstar Road and Richmond Terrace; then southwest along Morningstar Road to Forest Avenue; then east along Forest Avenue to Willow Road East; then south and then southeast along Willow Road East to Victory Boulevard; then west along Victory Boulevard to Arlene Street; then south along Arlene Street until it becomes Park Drive North; then south on Park Drive North to Rivington Avenue; then east along Rivington Avenue to Mulberry Avenue; then south on Mulberry Avenue to Travis Avenue; then northwest on Travis Avenue until it crosses Main Creek; then along the west shoreline of Main Creek to Fresh Kills Creek; then along the north shoreline of Fresh Kills Creek to Little Fresh Kills Creek; then along the north shoreline of Little Fresh Kills Creek to the Arthur Kill; then west to the border of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey in the Arthur Kill; then north along the borderline of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey; then east along the borderline of the State of New York and the State of New Jersey excluding Shooters Island 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 cycles of negative surveys of all regulated host trees within the above quarantine area, APHIS has determined that the Manhattan and Staten Island boroughs in New York have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movements of ALB regulated articles from the above described area are 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 previous 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 Federal Orders, which are located at the following APHIS website:

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

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Dr. Robyn Rose, National ALB Policy Manager, at robyn.i.rose@aphis.usda.gov.

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