

FOR INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), *Epiphyas postvittana*; Interstate Movement Restrictions

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide information regarding amendments made to the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order, issued on May 2, 2007, for LBAM, *Epiphyas postvittana*, by issuance of an additional Federal Order.

The amendments, which are described in the [attached Federal Order](#), include the addition of Los Angeles, Napa, and Solano Counties to the LBAM quarantine in California and a list of commodities (Appendix 1) to be exempted from the conditions required by the May 2, 2007, LBAM Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for interstate movement of regulated articles. The exemption is applicable only to commodities that are commercially-produced employing pest mitigations provided through industry standards of production, harvesting, and packaging.

On March 16, 2007, LBAM, *Epiphyas postvittana*, was confirmed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Alameda County, California. These detections represented the first time this pest was confirmed in the continental United States. Since that time, APHIS has confirmed detections of LBAM in a total of 11 California Counties, which include Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Los Angeles Counties.

In order to prevent the dissemination of LBAM to other areas in the United States, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service established on May 2, 2007, a Federal Domestic Quarantine Order to restrict interstate movement of certain articles from the affected counties of California and the entire State of Hawaii. The statewide quarantine of Hawaii is necessary because of the absence of data on the distribution of LBAM within the state.

The new September 2007 Federal Order identifies the most current California counties affected by and quarantined for LBAM and the conditions required for interstate movement of specified regulated articles from California and Hawaii.

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