

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for Light Brown Apple Moth, *Epiphyas postvittana*; Removal of Interstate Movement Restrictions

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order, issued on April 28, 2008, for the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) to remove Santa Barbara County from the quarantine area of California. The attached Federal Domestic Quarantine Order, which specifies the amendments, is effective immediately.

Santa Barbara County has met the conditions set forth in the attached LBAM Regulatory Protocol to be removed from the quarantine area. As with the rest of the counties outside the quarantine area, LBAM trapping activity will be continued in Santa Barbara County to ensure it remain free of the pest.

In order to prevent the spread of LBAM to other areas in the United States, APHIS 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.

For further information, please contact Deborah McPartlan, LBAM National Coordinator, at (301) 734-5356 or Helene Wright, State Plant Health Director, California, at (916) 930-5500.

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FEDERAL DOMESTIC QUARANTINE ORDER
***Epiphyas postvittana* (Light Brown Apple Moth)**

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A Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM) was issued on April 28, 2008. In that Federal Order, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established regulatory provisions to address plant pest risk associated with LBAM. Since that time, the Administrator has issued Federal Orders when necessary in order to prevent the spread of LBAM.

Section 412(a) of the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), 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 that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States.

To view the Federal Orders issued by the Administrator, go to:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/lba_moth/index.shtml

The purpose of this Federal Order is to remove Santa Barbara County from the list of quarantine areas for LBAM. The Administrator has determined that Santa Barbara County meets the criteria for removal from the quarantine area; therefore, the County of Santa Barbara, California is delisted from the LBAM quarantine.

This Federal Order updates the list of quarantined areas in the previously issued Federal Order from April 28, 2008.

Determination to Delist Quarantine Areas:

The Administrator will make the determination to delist quarantine areas based on trapping levels of 100 traps per square mile and the absence of LBAM population for three consecutive generations.