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SUBJECT: Selection of Ms. Diane Schuble, National Program Manager for Official Control Programs

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Diane Schuble as the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) National Program Coordinator for Official Control Programs, effective March 3, 2008. This is a position in PPQ's Emergency and Domestic Programs staff in Riverdale, Maryland.

Ms. Schuble is a native of New York and received her BA in Biology from Vassar College. She has over 25 years of experience as a PPQ Officer and moved up the ranks to a supervisory position at the John F. Kennedy International Airport. Since 2002, Ms. Schuble has been the unit supervisor for the Long Island office of the Asian Longhorned Beetle Cooperative Eradication program. She brings a wealth of experience in consensus building with State and local cooperators that will be important in her new position.

As the National Program Coordinator for Official Control Programs, Ms. Schuble will work with PPQ's program managers and State cooperators to determine whether or not official control is required for certain state-quarantined pests. Official control is a regulatory mechanism that addresses the application of phytosanitary procedures for pests that are not widely distributed in the country. Official control impacts interstate movement of commodities and articles from areas where a pest is known to occur and provides for similar treatment of commodities being exported to the United States. Ms. Schuble will establish relationships with many APHIS partners to articulate requirements and leverage resources for official control.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Schuble to her new position. She can be reached at (301) 734-8723, and her email address is Diane.L.Schuble@aphis.usda.gov.

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