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Subject: APHIS Establishes Oriental Fruit Fly (OFF) Regulated Area in the Inglewood Area of Los Angeles, California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective June 29, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) established a new Oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis* or OFF) regulated area in the Inglewood area of Los Angeles, California. APHIS is applying safeguarding measures and restrictions on the interstate movement of regulated articles from this area. This OFF outbreak is considered to be transient, actionable, and under eradication.

Between June 19 and June 29, nine adult Oriental fruit flies were detected in the Inglewood area of Los Angeles, California. These confirmed Oriental fruit flies triggered the establishment of the new OFF quarantine. Subsequently, another OFF adult and a larval site were detected. The regulated area encompasses approximately 94 square miles of Los Angeles County, California.

APHIS is working with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Agricultural Commissioner of Los Angeles County to respond to these detections following program survey and treatment protocols. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of OFF to noninfested areas of the United States.

The establishment of this regulated area is reflected on the following designated website, which contains a description of all the current federal fruit fly regulated areas:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/fruit_flies/quarantine.shtml

For additional information on the OFF Eradication Program, you may call National Policy Manager John Stewart at 919-855-7426.

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