

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*, Notice of Quarantined Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATOR OFFICIALS

This memorandum provides notification, effective immediately, for quarantine of the following counties of Minnesota for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*: Ramsey, Dakota, and Anoka.

This action is authorized by 7 CFR 301.50-3 (b) which provides for temporary designation pending publication of a rule to add new areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.50-3 (c). This action is in response to recent trapping detections in the indicated counties.

The 7 CFR 301.50-3 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person(s) in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and State Regulatory personnel in charge of the PSB program in the affected state.

Prior to March 1, 2005, the State Plant Regulatory Official for Minnesota must confirm the establishment of a parallel intra-state quarantine encompassing these counties, or the entire state will be regulated for PSB as of that date. The confirmation should be made in writing to APHIS' State Plant Health Director for Minnesota.

If you wish more details on the Federal regulatory program, you may contact Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-8247. For information on the PSB survey and trapping program, please contact your respective State Plant Health Director.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with each state affected by PSB.

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