

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 regulation of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*. This action results from the capture of three Pine Shoot Beetles collected from three separate Lindgren funnel traps on April 19 in Northumberland County. All interstate movement of regulated articles from Northumberland County must comply with the PSB regulatory requirements per 7 CFR 301.50.

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).

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 July 15, 2005, the State Plant Regulatory Official for Pennsylvania must confirm the establishment of an intra-state quarantine for Northumberland County that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7CFR301.50, or the entire state will be regulated for PSB as of that date. The confirmation should be made in writing to the APHIS State Plant Health Director for Pennsylvania.

If you wish more details on the Federal regulatory program, you may contact Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on the PSB survey and trapping program, please contact your State Plant Health Director.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Pennsylvania to prevent the interstate spread of Pine Shoot Beetle.



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