

FOR INFORMATION
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October 18, 2005

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 Bergen, Hunterdon, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties; New Jersey, for PSB. This action results from positive identification of beetles trapped in these counties. All interstate movement of regulated articles from Bergen, Hunterdon, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties must comply with the PSB regulatory requirements per 7 CFR301.50.

This action is authorized by 7 CFR 301.50-3 (b) which provides for temporary designation of newly regulated areas 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 December 15, 2005, the State Plant Regulatory official for New Jersey must confirm the establishment of intra-state quarantines for Bergen, Hunterdon, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren Counties that mirror the Federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR301.50, otherwise; the entire state will be regulated for PSB as of that date to prevent the interstate movement of the pest from New Jersey. Confirmation of the implementation of the required intra-state quarantine program should be made in writing to the APHIS' State Plant Health Director for New Jersey.

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 New Jersey to prevent the interstate spread of PSB.

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