

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*, Expansion of Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the pine shoot beetle (PSB) quarantine area to include the counties of Knox, Fayette, Cumberland, and Effingham, Illinois. This action results from the detection of beetles in the subject counties. All interstate movement of regulated articles out of these counties must comply with the PSB regulatory requirements per 7 CFR 301.50.

These actions are necessary to restrict the movement of PSB host material. The attached Federal Domestic Quarantine Order describes the expanded quarantine area along with the associated reference to the *Code of Federal Regulations* listing the provisions for the movement of PSB host material.

PSB is a highly destructive pest of pines. The goal of APHIS PSB program is to define the extent of the beetle infestation and limit its artificial spread through the establishment of quarantine areas and an active regulatory program.

If you wish more details on the PSB Regulatory program, you may contact Julie Twardowski at (301) 734-5332. For information on the PSB survey and trapping program, please contact the APHIS State Plant Health Director, Stephen Knight, at (847) 299-6939.

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