

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Entire State of Indiana to the Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding the entire State of Indiana to the list of quarantined areas for pine shoot beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*. Prior to this action, APHIS established quarantine areas in 68 Indiana counties, and the State of Indiana established and enforced an equivalent State-level quarantine. However, in June 2011, Indiana elected to rescind its PSB quarantine. For this reason, APHIS is establishing the entire State of Indiana as a quarantine area in order to prevent the spread of PSB to other states.

These actions are necessary to restrict the movement of PSB-host material. The attached Federal Order describes the expanded quarantine area, along with the associated reference to the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 7 CFR §301.50, which lists the provisions for the movement of PSB-host material.

PSB is an introduced pest of pines. It was first discovered in the United States at a Christmas tree farm near Cleveland, Ohio, in 1992. PSB can cause severe decline in the health of the trees, and in some cases, kill the trees when high populations exist.

For more information concerning APHIS' PSB Regulatory Program, you may contact Joseph Beckwith, Regional Program Manager, at (919) 855-7345 or Dr. Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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1 Attachment:
--Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER
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Quarantine Notice for
Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) (*Tomicus piniperda*)
for the entire State of Indiana

This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States and is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR §301.50.

Effective immediately, this Federal Order adds the entire State of Indiana to the quarantine area for the pine shoot beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*. Previously, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) had established a quarantine area for only a portion of the State due to the establishment and enforcement of equivalent quarantines by the State of Indiana. Indiana has determined it will rescind the State's quarantine. Thus, the APHIS Administrator finds it necessary to regulate the entire State in order to prevent the spread of PSB. Accordingly, effective immediately, all interstate movement of PSB regulated articles from the State of Indiana must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found in 7 CFR §301.50 *et seq.* and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

APHIS has confirmed detections of PSB in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to establish quarantine areas in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of PSB. The quarantine areas are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR §301.50 and in the Federal Orders located at the following APHIS website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/psb/index.shtml

Section 7 CFR §301.50-3(b) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add those new quarantine areas to the list shown in 7 CFR §301.50-3(c). Section 7 CFR §301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property in a newly quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with the imposed APHIS requirements for the interstate movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

For more information concerning APHIS' PSB Regulatory Program, you may contact Joseph Beckwith, Regional Program Manager, at (919) 855-7345 or Dr. Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705. APHIS continues to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Indiana in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests, including PSB.