

## SLF Permit - Frequently Asked Questions

**PURPOSE:** This document is intended to provide guidance for the Spotted Lanternfly Exterior Model Quarantine, specifically in regard to the permitting process. For more detailed information, reference the [Spotted Lanternfly Model Quarantine Template](#).

### What is the spotted lanternfly permit?

- A permit is an official document issued by a regulatory authority that allows an activity that would otherwise be prohibited. The spotted lanternfly permit is required by the (respective state) Spotted Lanternfly Exterior Quarantine and serves as both a regulatory and educational tool to ensure compliance with the quarantine. A permit is required until the quarantine rule is rescinded by the department.
- To receive a spotted lanternfly permit, businesses are required to successfully complete a State Plant Regulatory Agency-approved training program on identifying the spotted lanternfly and appropriate management practices to prevent movement of the pest.
- Permit holders are required to comply with all provisions of the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine. Permit holders are responsible for ensuring all company activities meet the permit requirements.

### What activities require a spotted lanternfly permit?

- The permit is required for movement of all regulated articles, vehicles, and means of conveyance that either originate in or move through an area that is determined by Federal, State, or another Regulatory Agency to be a spotted lanternfly infested area, unless such movement is exempt. Movement of articles from those areas into states with Spotted Lanternfly exterior quarantines requires a permit.

### Will a spotted lanternfly permit from one state be accepted in another?

- Yes. The permit has reciprocity among state quarantines and is recognized by all states as the standard of agreement across the National Plant Board Membership.

### How do I apply for the spotted lanternfly permit?

- Contact your local department of agriculture or state plant regulatory agency to apply for the permit at [National Plant Board Membership](#).

### Who needs to take the State Plant Regulatory Agency-approved training, and what does that person need to do?

- Businesses that move regulated articles from spotted lanternfly infested areas into areas that are not known to be infested must take the training.

- ➔ The owner, manager, supervisor, or other person(s) with authority to train other employees takes a State Plant Regulatory Agency-approved spotted lanternfly training and becomes the designated employee.
- ➔ Upon successful completion of the training and passing the required test, the designated employee is responsible for:
  - Training other employees of that entity, at least one time annually, and
  - Maintaining current records of this training.
- ➔ Multiple employees in a business may take the permit training.

### **What records must be kept?**

- ➔ Designated employees must record, maintain for a minimum of two (2) years, and provide copies to the Department upon request the following records:
  - A log of employee training provided by the designated employee including names of employees trained, name of trainer, and date of training.
  - Incoming and outgoing shipment records that detail the kind and quantity of Regulated Articles shipped, shipper name, date of shipment, source, destination location, and receiver contact information and business name.
  - Inspection, treatment, and mitigation records, including dates and outcomes.

The Department may request in writing additional information, if necessary, from the designated employee for the purpose of evaluating the potential risk to the state/province/Commonwealth.

### **Once a permit is obtained, how must regulated articles be moved?**

- ➔ Any employee responsible for driving any vehicle or conveyance or handling, shipping, packaging, or loading any regulated article must have been trained by a designated employee who has taken the training and has passed the permit exam.
- ➔ Before movement out of an infested area, all regulated articles, including conveyances and vehicles, must be inspected for any life stages of the spotted lanternfly, including egg masses. Any life stages found must be removed and destroyed. A record of such inspection and corrective action taken must be retained for a minimum of two (2) years.
- ➔ Regulated articles, other than the vehicles and conveyances themselves, must be packaged and safeguarded, such as within a closed container, shrink wrap, tight tarp, or similar covering to maintain isolation from the environment during storage or transportation.

### **Does the permit need to be displayed?**

- Yes. The permit must be displayed in a visible and conspicuous place at each business, entity, or individual location to which it was issued and a permit issued by the department shall be placed in each vehicle or conveyance when moving out of the spotted lanternfly infested area.

### **Does the spotted lanternfly permit allow me to move articles regulated for other quarantines?**

- No, this permit does not exempt a shipment from other state and federal quarantines. Please ensure that shipments are meeting all applicable state or federal quarantine or entry requirements.

### **What is included in the permit?**

- Permits include a statement indicating the permittee's commitment to follow all requirements of the spotted lanternfly quarantine and associated spotted lanternfly permit. The permit will be signed by an authorized state official where the permit is issued.

### **How is the permit issued?**

- Upon receipt of all required information and the successful completion of the training and testing requirements, the department will issue a permit to the person who has successfully completed the requirements and authorize any designated employee to train other employees of the business or entity.

### **When do I need to renew my permit?**

- The length of time that a spotted lanternfly permit is valid for depends on your state requirements. Contact your local state plant regulatory agency at [National Plant Board Membership](#).

### **What if something changes?**

- A permit holder must notify the department of and describe any change to permit information previously submitted. The state plant regulatory agency must be made aware of any changes to permit holder status including contact information or designated employee. Additional information may be requested.

### **What about subcontractors and/or agents?**

- Subcontractors and/or agents who are moving regulated articles or means of conveyances out of the infested area are responsible for obtaining their own spotted lanternfly permit and abiding by the requirements of the spotted lanternfly quarantine.

## Definitions

- a) "Living Life Stage" means all living life stages of the spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (White) including, but not limited to, adults, nymphs, or viable egg masses of spotted lanternfly.
- b) "Plant" means all plant parts, including whole plants, roots, scions, seeds, and/or cuttings.
- c) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, government, political subdivision, or any other legal or commercial entity and any successor, representative, agent, agency, or instrumentality thereof.
- d) "Regulated Articles" means the plant pest spotted lanternfly along with any plant, plant product, storage place, packaging, conveyance, container, soil, and any other organism, object, or material capable of harboring or spreading pests and deemed to require phytosanitary measures, particularly where interstate transportation is involved [adapted from FAO, 1990; revised FAO, 1995; IPPC, 1997].
- e) "Move; movement" means shipped, offered, or received for shipment, carried, transported, or relocated into or through any area of the State/Province of the infested area.
- f) "Spotted Lanternfly" means the invasive insect having the scientific name *Lycorma delicatula*, in any life stage.
- g) "Reproducing Population" means biological evidence including, but not limited to an egg mass, visibly mated females, early instar nymphs, or multiple life stages present within one year, indicating successful reproduction in the environment.
- h) "Infestation" means an established, reproducing population of spotted lanternfly as designated or determined by the State Plant Regulatory Agency of that state.
- i) "Infested area" means any state, province, political sub-division, nation, or any delineated area within a state or nation that the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, or respective State Plant Pest Regulatory Agency has declared to have an infestation of, or be quarantined for, spotted lanternfly.
- j) "Compliance Agreement" means a written agreement between a person engaged in handling, receiving, or moving regulated articles and the State Plant Regulatory Agency wherein the former agrees to fulfill the requirements of the compliance agreement and comply with provisions of this regulation.
- k) "Phytosanitary Certificate" means a document issued by an authorizing official that certifies a commodity has been inspected and found to be apparently free from specific pests.
- l) "Permit" means a document issued by a State Plant Regulatory Agency that certifies that a person has successfully completed training regarding spotted lanternfly and agrees to the conditions specified by the permit.
- m) "Treatment" means official procedure for the killing, inactivation, or removal of pests, or for rendering pests infertile or for devitalization. [FAO, 1990; revised FAO, 1995; ISPM 15, 2002; ISPM 18, 2003; ICPM, 2005].
- n) "Designated Employee" means an employee with authority to bind the entity and train other employees. This shall only include employees who have participated in a Train the Trainer course approved by the department and have passed an examination administered by an employee or agent of the department demonstrating they have an understanding and knowledge of the pest and of the procedures necessary to prevent the spread of the pest.