

SOUTHERN PLANT BOARD

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St. Augustine, Florida

Resolution # 4

Pine Shoot Beetle Program Review

Pine Shoot Beetle, *Tomicus piniperda*, was first discovered in the United States in 1992 and was placed under federal quarantine in that year. Little change has occurred in the federal quarantine since its inception, except for additions to the area under quarantine. Pine Shoot Beetle is now present in 13 states in the United States and has not been shown to be a major pest of economic concern in the states in which it is located. Thirteen years of experience dealing with Pine Shoot Beetle and a recent limited pest risk assessment conducted by USDA-APHIS Plant Protection and Quarantine's Center for Plant Health Science and Technology indicates that the current quarantine may be more restrictive than necessary to prevent the risk of artificial spread of Pine Shoot Beetle.

Be it Resolved, That the Southern Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in St. Augustine, Florida on April 13, 2005, requests that USDA, APHIS, PPQ initiate a comprehensive Pest Risk Assessment of the Pine Shoot Beetle. The objectives of this Pest Risk Assessment will be to determine the potential impact of this pest on species of southern pines and if the movement of regulated articles might be permitted from known infested areas with appropriate safeguarding measures and to determine, based on pest biology and number of generations, any potential impacts to southern regions should the quarantine be amended. This review and possible amendment to the quarantine should be completed before the next high risk period, which begins April 1, 2006.

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