

## FEDERAL ORDER

### **Domestic Quarantine of a Portion of Worcester County, Massachusetts, for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)**

This Federal Order is issued under 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 the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51.

This Federal Order quarantines, effective immediately, a portion of Worcester County, Massachusetts, for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), *Anoplophora glabripennis*. This action is in response to a confirmed detection of ALB in this area of Massachusetts. The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has determined that it is necessary to quarantine this area in order to prevent the spread of ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement of ALB-regulated articles from the area within the boundaries listed below must be handled in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51 et seq.

The boundaries of the regulated area are as follows:

The portion of Worcester County, including the municipalities of Worcester, Holden, West Boylston, Boylston, and Shrewsbury, that is bounded by a line starting at the intersection of Belmont Street (Route 9) and Plantation Street in Worcester; then east on Route 9 to Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury; then northeast on Maple Avenue to Main Street; then east on Main Street to Route 140; then north and northwest on Route 140 through Boylston into West Boylston to Goodale Street; then southwest on Goodale Street, which becomes Malden Street at the Holden town line; then west and southwest on Malden Street to Main Street (Route 122A) in Holden; then west on Main Street to Salisbury Street; then south and southeast on Salisbury Street, crossing into Worcester, to Belmont Street (Route 9); then east on Belmont Street (Route 9) to the point of beginning.

Currently, areas of Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Staten Island, and Long Island, New York, and portions of Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, are quarantined for ALB.

7 CFR 301.51-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire State as an ALB-quarantined area only when the Administrator of APHIS has determined, as in this case, that the designation of less than an entire State as a quarantined ALB area is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of infestations of this pest. In addition, 7 CFR 301.51-3(a) requires that the State enforces an intrastate ALB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal ALB regulations. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation has established an intrastate quarantine for a portion of Worcester County that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.51.

7 CFR 301.51-3 (b) provides for the temporary designation of newly quarantined areas, pending publication of a rule to add areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.51-3(c). 7 CFR 301.51-3 (b) further requires that written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly-quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the ALB program in the affected State.

We appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Massachusetts in our efforts to prevent the spread of ALB. If you wish more details concerning the Federal ALB regulatory program, please contact Christine Markham, APHIS' National ALB Program Director, at Area Code (919) 855-7328 or Julie Twardowski, APHIS' National ALB Program Coordinator, at Area Code (301) 734-5332.