

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: Removal of Guava Fruit Fly (*Bactrocera correcta*) Quarantine Area in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective October 14, 2015, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) removed the Long Beach area of Los Angeles County as a guava fruit fly quarantine area.

On May 13, 2015, APHIS implemented the guava fruit fly quarantine in the Long Beach area of Los Angeles County, California, restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from that area to prevent the spread of the guava fruit fly to non-infested areas of the United States. Since then, APHIS has cooperated with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Office of the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner to eradicate the transient guava fruit fly population through various control actions, including:

- high density trapping,
- fruit removal,
- eradication control measures,
- regulatory quarantine activities, and
- foliar bait sprays near the detection sites.

Eradication was concluded after sufficient time passed without finding additional guava fruit flies in this area. This removal of the quarantine areas is reflected on the following designated website, which contains a description of all the current federal fruit fly quarantine areas:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/fruit_flies/quarantine.shtml

For additional information on the removal of the guava fruit fly quarantine area, you may call Fruit Fly Program Manager John Stewart at 919-855-7426.

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