FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Portions of the Townships of Batavia and Stonelick, Clermont County, Ohio, to the Asian Longhorned Beetle (Anoplophora glabripennis) Regulated Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding 268 contiguous properties in the Townships of Batavia and Stonelick, Clermont County, Ohio, to the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) regulated area. APHIS is taking this action in response to the recent detection of ALB-infested trees in Stonelick. As a result, the total regulated area for ALB has expanded from 56.2-square miles to 61-square miles.

The attached Federal Order describes the regulated area and includes the associated reference to Section 7 CFR Part 301.51 et seq. that lists the provisions for the movement of ALB-regulated articles. This action is necessary to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. ALB was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. ALB was later detected in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1998. In October 2002, the beetle was found in Hudson County, New Jersey, and then in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, in August 2004. In August 2008, ALB was discovered in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and in July 2010, ALB was found in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. In 2008, after the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following confirmation surveys, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey. Similarly, in 2011, ALB was declared eradicated from Islip, New York.

For more information regarding APHIS’ ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Robyn Rose, ALB National Program Manager, at (301) 851-2283.

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1 Attachment:

Federal Order
FEDERAL ORDER
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Quarantine Notice for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

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, or means of conveyance, 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 301.51.

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is establishing a quarantine area in the Townships of Batavia and Stonelick of Clermont County, Ohio, in response to a confirmed detection of Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in this area. Specifically, 268 contiguous properties in Batavia and Stonelick are being added to the regulated area. The addition increases the total square miles regulated for the beetle to 61 square miles, up from 56 square miles. The APHIS Administrator has determined that it is necessary to establish a quarantine area in this location to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement of ALB regulated articles from the above described area must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51 *et seq.* and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

The revised regulated area of Clermont County includes the following land parcels of Batavia and Stonelick Townships:

Section 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 such a designation is adequate to prevent the interstate spread 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 Ohio Department of Agriculture has established an intrastate quarantine for portions of Batavia and Stonelick that mirrors the Federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.51.

APHIS has confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to regulate these areas in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. The quarantine areas established to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.51-3 and in the Federal Orders, which are
located at the following APHIS website:

For more information about APHIS’ ALB Eradication Program, you may Robyn Rose, ALB National Program Manager, at (301) 851-2283.

APHIS appreciates the cooperative relationship with the State of Ohio in the effort to prevent the spread of ALB.