

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Eradicates the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) from Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is declaring eradication of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, thereby releasing them from quarantine. Since 2004, APHIS has worked with its State partners to complete extensive survey, control, and regulatory activities in these areas to eradicate ALB from New Jersey.

APHIS determined that these counties can be removed from quarantine after program efforts resulted in three years of negative surveys of host plants within the regulated areas. The attached Federal Order immediately rescinds the regulated area in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, for ALB. As a result of this action, there are no remaining ALB regulated areas in New Jersey.

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. Since then, the beetle has been found in Chicago, Illinois; Hudson, Middlesex, and Union Counties in New Jersey; Worcester and Suffolk Counties in Massachusetts; and most recently in Clermont County, Ohio. In 2008, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey.

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

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Attachment (1)

FEDERAL ORDER

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Removal of Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey as a Quarantine Area for the 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, and found at 7 CFR 301.51.

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey. The rescinded boundary for the deregulated area, including the municipalities of Roselle, Elizabeth City, Linden, Carteret, Woodbridge, Rahway, and Clark, is defined by a line drawn as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Locust Street (County Road 619) and West Grand Avenue (Union County 610) in Roselle, NJ; then east on West Grand Avenue to Chilton Street; then south on Chilton Street to South Street; then east on South Street to Broad Street; then south on Broad Street to Summer Street; then east on Summer Street to the Elizabeth River; then east along the Elizabeth River to the Arthur Kill channel; then south along the Arthur Kill (New Jersey and New York State border) to the point where Roosevelt Avenue (State Route 602) meets the Arthur Kill in Carteret, NJ; then south along Roosevelt Avenue to Port Reading Avenue (State Route 604); then west southwest along Port Reading Avenue to the Conrail railroad; then north and west along the Conrail railroad right-of-way to the NJ Transit railroad right-of-way; then north and northwest along the NJ Transit railroad right-of-way to the south branch of the Rahway River; then west along the south branch of the Rahway River to St. Georges Avenue (State Highway 27); then north along St. Georges Avenue to its intersection with the eastern border of Rahway River Park (Union County Park); then north along the eastern border of Rahway River Park to the intersection of Valley Road and Union County Parkway; then north along Union County Parkway to North Stiles Street; then northwest along North Stiles Street to Raritan Road; then northeast along Raritan Road to the perpendicular intersection of Raritan Road and the Cranford/Linden township border (144 Raritan Road); then north along the Cranford/Linden border to Myrtle Street; then east along Myrtle Street to the intersection of Amsterdam Avenue and Wood Avenue; then southeast along Wood Avenue to 5th Avenue; then northeast along 5th Avenue to Locust Street; then north along Locust Street to the point of beginning.

The APHIS Administrator has determined that a quarantine area in the locations listed above is no longer necessary in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and based on the results of at least three years of negative surveys of all regulated host plants within the above quarantine area, APHIS has determined that

Middlesex and Union counties in New Jersey have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movements of ALB regulated articles from the above described area are not required to 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 previous Federal Order.

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 areas regulated to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.51-3 and in Federal Orders, which are located at the following APHIS website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/asian_lhb/spro.shtml

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Dr. Robyn Rose, National ALB Program Manager, at robyn.i.rose@aphis.usda.gov.

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