

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Eradicates the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) from Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts.

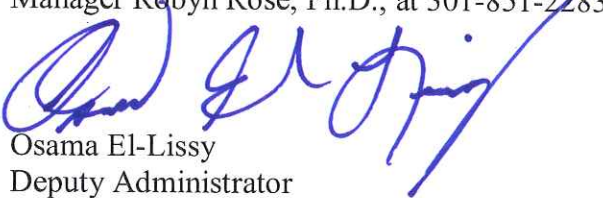
TO: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is declaring eradication of the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts, thereby releasing them from quarantine. Since 2010, APHIS has worked with its Commonwealth partners to complete extensive survey, control, and regulatory activities in these areas to eradicate ALB from Massachusetts.

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 Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts, for ALB. As a result of this action, no remaining ALB regulated areas exist in Boston or Brookline, Massachusetts.

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. Subsequent ALB finds occurred in Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Ohio. However, ALB has been eradicated after the completion of control and regulatory activities and confirmation surveys in Illinois; New Jersey; and Islip, Manhattan, and Staten Island, New York.

For more information regarding the ALB Eradication Program, please call National Policy Manager Rebyn Rose, Ph.D., at 301-851-2283.


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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Removal of Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts as a Quarantine Area for the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

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This Federal Order removes the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts.

This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act 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. This Federal Order is also issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act and found in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 7 CFR 301.51.

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the ALB quarantine area in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts. The rescinded boundary listed in the *Code of Federal Regulations* for the deregulated area in Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, including the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, is defined by a line starting at the intersection of Metropolitan Avenue and Poplar Street, which becomes Canterbury Street; then northeast on Canterbury Street to American Legion Highway; then northeast on American Legion Highway to Route 28; then north and northwest on Route 28 to Centre Street; then west on Centre Street, which becomes Perkins Street; then west on Perkins Street to Chestnut Street; then northwest on Chestnut Street to Cypress Street; then northwest on Cypress Street to Walnut Street; then west and south on Walnut Street, which becomes Warren Street; then west on Warren Street to Lee Street; then northwest on Lee Street to Heath Street; then southwest and west on Heath Street to Hammond Street; then south on Hammond Street to Lagrange Street; then south on Lagrange Street to Beverly Road; then southeast on Beverly Road to Independence Drive; then southwest on Independence Drive to VFW Parkway; then southwest on VFW Parkway to Corey Street; then southeast on Corey Street to Centre Street; then east on Centre Street to West Roxbury Parkway; then southeast on West Roxbury Parkway to Washington Street; then northeast on Washington Street to Metropolitan Avenue; then southeast on Metropolitan 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 Suffolk and Norfolk Counties in Massachusetts 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 no longer required 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 Orders.

APHIS has confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States. The Administrator has determined that it is necessary to regulate these areas 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 <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/alb-quarantine>.

For more information about the ALB Eradication Program, you may call National Policy Manager Robyn Rose, Ph.D., at 301-851-2283 or write to her at Robyn.I.Rose@aphis.usda.gov.

APHIS appreciates the cooperative relationship with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the effort to prevent the spread of ALB.