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Subject: APHIS Establishes Additional Regulated Area in Florida for Giant African Snail
(*Lissachatina fulica*, formerly *Achatina fulica*)

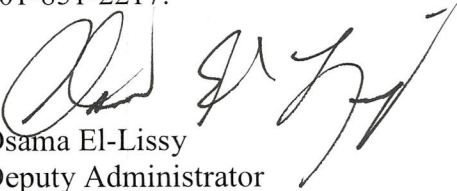
To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is notifying stakeholders of a new regulated area (referred to as Zone AA on the attached map) for giant African snail (GAS) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Program personnel have recently detected GAS in areas that were outside of the existing regulated areas in Miami. The revised map and description of the new regulated area are posted on the APHIS website at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gas/downloads/gals-quarantinezone.pdf

In September 2011, APHIS confirmed the detection of GAS, *Lissachatina fulica*, in a residential area of Miami, Florida. GAS is one of the most damaging snails in the world because it is known to eat at least 500 different types of plants including many vegetables, fruits, and ornamental crops. Since the initial detection, APHIS has actively worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct survey, regulatory, control, and outreach activities within the affected areas.

For further information regarding the GAS program, please contact Field Operations Manager Anthony Man-Son-Hing at 919-855-7331, or National Program Policy Manager Evelia Sosa at 301-851-2217.



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Attachment: Map