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Subject: Expansion of Quarantine Areas for the Imported Fire Ant (*Solenopsis invicta* Buren, *S. richteri* Forel, and hybrids of these species)

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing a revised Federal Order that expands the existing imported fire ant (IFA) quarantine areas in Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas; and better defines a portion of the quarantine area in California. APHIS is taking this action to prevent the interstate spread of IFA.

The following list describes the action of this Federal Order in the states named above.

- Arkansas: Extends the IFA quarantine area to Arkansas, Conway, Crittenden, Phillips, Pope, and Scott Counties.
- California: Corrects a boundary in Riverside County, in the portion of the county in the Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, and Bermuda Dunes areas.
- North Carolina: Extends the quarantine area to the entire county for each of following counties:
 - Bertie
 - Camden
 - Cherokee
 - Chowan
 - Clay
 - Currituck
 - Dare
 - Durham
 - Edgecombe
 - Graham
 - Halifax
 - Hertford
 - Macon
 - Martin
 - Nash
 - Pasquotank
 - Perquimans
 - Randolph
- North Carolina: Establishes IFA quarantine areas in portions of the following counties:
 - Alamance
 - Catawba
 - Davidson
 - Granville
 - Guilford
 - Northhampton
 - Rowan
 - Vance
- Tennessee: Adds portions of Cocke, Dickson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Stewart, and Wilson Counties and all of Houston, Sevier, and White Counties to the list of quarantined areas.

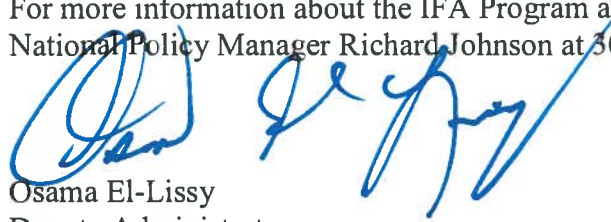
- Tennessee: Expands quarantined areas to include the entirety of these counties:
 - Anderson
 - Crockett
 - Haywood
 - Humphreys
 - Knox
 - Tipton
 - Warren
 - Williamson

- Tennessee: Expands quarantined areas to additional areas in portions of Cumberland, Davidson, and Gibson Counties.

- Texas: Adds Mills County to the list of quarantined areas.

APHIS is taking these actions based upon verification from the respective state departments of agriculture that IFA is present and established in the areas listed above.

For more information about the IFA Program and federal IFA regulations, please call IFA National Policy Manager Richard Johnson at 301-851-2109.



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Attachments: Federal Order
IFA Quarantine Area Changes-2016

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of Multiple Counties and Areas in Arkansas, California, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas for Imported Fire Ant(*Solenopsis invicta* Buren, *Solenopsis richteri* Forel and hybrids of these species)

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This Federal Order expands the existing imported fire ant (IFA) quarantine areas in Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas; and better defines a portion of the quarantine area in California.

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 found at 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.81.

Effective immediately, this Federal Order quarantines the following areas for red and black imported fire ants (IFA) (*Solenopsis invicta* Buren and *Solenopsis richteri* Forel, respectively) and hybrids of these species. This action responds to the detection of IFA in portions of the states of Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas and corrects a quarantine boundary in California, described in the attached document. The Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to quarantine these areas to prevent the spread of IFA. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of IFA regulated articles from the listed areas must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.81-3 and in the Federal Orders which are located at the following APHIS website:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/ifa>

Section 7 CFR 301.81-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire state as a IFA quarantined area only when the Administrator of APHIS has determined that the designation of less than an entire state as a quarantined IFA area is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of infestations of IFA. In addition, 7 CFR 301.81-3(b) requires that the state enforce an intrastate IFA quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal IFA regulations. The states have established intra-state quarantines for the areas listed that mirror the federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR 301.81.

Section 7 CFR 301.81-3 (d) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.81-3(c). Section 7 CFR 301.81-3 (d) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person who possesses

a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the federal and/or state regulatory personnel responsible for the IFA program in the affected state.

Previous Federal Orders pertaining to the expansion of quarantined areas in the IFA regulations have been necessary due to the ongoing delimitation of the IFA infestation in various states. This Federal Order further expands the quarantined areas as described in the IFA domestic regulations.

If you wish more details on the federal IFA regulatory program, you may call IFA National Policy Manager Richard Johnson at 301-851-2109.

We appreciate the cooperative relationships with the affected states in our effort to prevent the spread of IFA.

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Imported Fire Ant Quarantined Area Changes
within Arkansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas

Arkansas	
Conway County	The entire county.
Crittenden County	The entire county.
Phillips County	The entire county.
Pope County	The entire county.
Scott County	The entire county.
California	
Riverside County	Quarantine area boundary correction: The portion in the Bermuda Dunes, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage areas bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Ramon Road and Bob Hope Drive; then south along Bob Hope Drive to Dinah Shore Drive; then east along Dinah Shore Drive to Key Largo Avenue; then south along Key Largo Avenue to Gerald Ford Drive; then west along Gerald Ford Drive to Bob Hope Drive; then south along Bob Hope Drive to Frank Sinatra Drive; then east along Frank Sinatra Drive to Vista Del Sol; then south along Vista Del Sol to Country Club Drive; then east along Country Club Drive to Adams Street; then south along Adams Street to 42nd Avenue; then east along 42nd Avenue to Tranquillo Place; then south along Tranquillo Place to its intersection with Harbour Court; then southwest along an imaginary line to the intersection of Granada Drive and Caballeros Drive; then southeast along Caballeros Drive to Kingston Drive; then west along Kingston Drive to Mandeville Road; then east along Mandeville Road to Port Maria Road; then south along Port Maria Road to Fred Waring Drive; then west along Fred Waring Drive to its intersection with Dune Palms Road; then southwest along an imaginary line to the intersection of Adams Street and Miles Avenue; then west along Miles Avenue to Washington Street; then northwest along Washington Street to Fred Waring Drive; then west along Fred Waring Drive to Joshua Road; then north along Joshua Road to Park View Drive; then west along Park View Drive to State Highway 111; then northwest along State Highway 111 to Magnesia Fall Drive; then west along Magnesia Fall Drive to Gardess Road; then northwest along

	Gardess Road to Dunes View Road; then northeast along Dunes View Road to Halgar Road; then northwest along Halgar Road to Indian Trail Road; then northeast along Indian Trail Road to Mirage Road; then north along Mirage Road to State Highway 111; then northwest along State Highway 111 to Frank Sinatra Drive; then east along Frank Sinatra Drive to Da Vall Drive; then north along Da Vall Drive to Ramon Road; then east along Ramon Road to the point of beginning.
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North Carolina

Alamance County	The area south of Interstate 85 from the Orange County line to the Guilford County line.
Bertie County	The entire county.
Camden County	The entire county.
Catawba County	The area south of Interstate 40 from the Iredell County line to the Burke County line.
Cherokee County	The entire county.
Chowan County	The entire county.
Clay County	The entire county.
Currituck County	The entire county.
Dare County	The entire county.
Davidson County	The area south of Interstate 85 from the Randolph County line to the Rowan County line.
Durham County	The entire county.
Edgecombe County	The entire county.
Franklin County	The entire county.
Gates County	The entire county.
Graham County	The entire county.
Granville County	The area south of U.S. Highway 158 from the Person County line to the Vance County line.
Guilford County	The area south of Interstate 85 from the Alamance County line to the Forsyth County line.

Halifax County	The entire county.
Hertford County	The entire county.
Iredell County.	The area south of Interstate 40 from the Davie County line to the Catawba County line.
Lincoln County	The entire county.
Macon County	The entire county.
Martin County	The entire county.
Nash County	The entire county.
Northampton County	The area south and east of U.S. Highway 258 from the Halifax County line to the Bertie and Hertford County lines.
Pasquotank County	The entire county.
Perquimans County	The entire county.
Randolph County	The entire county.
Rowan County	The area south of Interstate 85 from the Davidson County line to the Cabarrus and Stanly County lines and south of State Highway 70 from the State Highway 70 and Interstate 40 intersection to the Iredell and Cabarrus County lines.
Rutherford County	The area south and east of State Highway 108 from the Polk County line to the junction of U.S. Highway 64E to the McDowell County line.
Vance County	The area south of Interstate 85 from the Warren County line to the Granville County line.

Tennessee

Anderson County	The entire county.
Cannon County	The entire county.
Cocke County	That portion of the county lying southwest of Interstate 40.
Coffee County	The entire county.
Crockett County	The entire county

Cumberland County	That portion of the county lying southeast of a line beginning at the White-Cumberland County line on U.S. Highway 70; then continuing east along U.S. Highway 70 until reaching U.S. Highway 127; then continuing north along U.S. Highway 127 until reaching the Cumberland-Fentress County line.
Dickson County	That portion of the county lying south of a line beginning at the Houston/Dickson County line on State Highway 49; then continuing southeast along State Highway 49 until reaching State Highway 48; then continuing south along State Highway 48 until reaching State Highway 47; then continuing southeast along State Highway 47 until reaching U.S. Highway 70; then continuing east along U.S. Highway 70 until reaching the Dickson-Cheatham County line.
Gibson County	That portion of the county lying southeast of a line beginning at the Dyer-Gibson County line on State Highway 104; then continuing east on State Highway 104 until reaching U.S. Highway 45W; Then continuing north on U.S. Highway 45W until reaching State Highway 54; then continuing northeast along State Highway 54 until reaching State Highway 105; then continuing east on State Highway 105 until reaching the Gibsons-Carroll County line.
Haywood County	The entire county.
Houston County	The entire county.
Humphreys County	The entire county.
Jefferson County	That portion of the county lying southeast of U.S. Highway 11E.
Knox County	The entire county.
Lauderdale County	That portion of the county lying southeast of a line beginning at the Mississippi County, Arkansas-Lauderdale County, Tennessee line at Latitude 35 Degrees 45 Minutes; then continuing east along Latitude 35 Degrees 45 Minutes until reaching State Highway 19; then continuing east along State Highway 19 until reaching U.S. Highway 51; then continuing northeast along U.S. Highway 51 until reaching State Highway 180; then continuing east along State Highway 180 until reaching State Highway 209; then continuing north along State Highway 209 until reaching State Highway 88; then continuing east along State Highway 88 until reaching Lawrence Road; then continuing north along Lawrence Road until reaching Espy Park Road; then continuing east along Espy Park Road until reaching the Lauderdale-Crockett County line.

Marshall County	The entire county.
Maury County	The entire county.
Sevier County	The entire county.
Stewart County	That portion of the county lying southwest of a line beginning at the Trigg County, Kentucky-Stewart County, Tennessee border along the Cumberland River; then continuing southeast along the Cumberland River until reaching U.S. Highway 79; then continuing east along U.S. Highway 79 until reaching the Stewart-Montgomery county line.
Williamson County.	The entire county.
Wilson County	That portion of the county lying south of U.S. Highway 70.
Texas	
Mills County	The entire county.