

FOR INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*, Notice of Quarantined Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATOR OFFICIALS

This memorandum provides notification, effective immediately, for regulation of Ulster, Orange, and Columbia Counties of New York, for PSB, *Tomicus piniperda*. This action results from the trapping of beetles in those counties. All interstate movement of regulated articles from Ulster, Orange, and Columbia Counties must comply with the PSB regulatory requirements per 7CFR301.50.

This action is authorized by 7 CFR 301.50-3 (b) which provides for temporary designation of newly regulated areas pending publication of a rule to add new areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.50-3 (c).

The 7 CFR 301.50-3 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person(s) in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and State Regulatory personnel in charge of the PSB program in the affected state.

Prior to July 30, 2005, the State Plant Regulatory Official for New York must confirm the establishment of intra-state quarantines for Ulster, Orange, and Columbia Counties that mirror the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7CFR301.50, or the entire state will be regulated for PSB as of that date. The confirmation should be made in writing to APHIS' State Plant Health Director for New York.

If you wish more details on the Federal regulatory program, you may contact Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on the PSB survey and trapping program, please contact your State Plant Health Director.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state of New York to prevent the interstate spread of PSB.

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