

FOR INFORMATION AND
ACTION
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SUBJECT: Quarantine of Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Illinois, for Pine Shoot Beetle
(*Tomicus piniperda*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The SPRO memorandum provides notification that APHIS is quarantining Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Illinois, for Pine Shoot Beetle (*Tomicus piniperda*). This action is effective immediately. Attached is the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for the subject action.

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FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Illinois, for Pine Shoot Beetle (*Tomicus piniperda*)

This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412 (a), 7U.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 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 quarantines, effective immediately, Rock Island and Mercer Counties, Illinois, for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*. This action is in response to detection of PSB in those counties. Accordingly, effective immediately, all interstate movement of PSB regulated articles from Rock Island and Mercer Counties must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.50 et.seq.

7CFR 301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire State only when the State enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches Federal Pine Shoot Beetle regulations. Prior to January 1, 2008, the State Plant Regulatory Official for Illinois must confirm the establishment of an intrastate quarantine for Rock Island and Mercer Counties that mirrors the Federal PSB regulatory requirements as specified in 7CFR301.50. The confirmation should be made in writing to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) State Plant Health Director for Illinois.

7CFR 301.50-3(b) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add those new quarantine areas to the list shown in 7CFR 301.50-3(c). 7CFR 301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property and enterprises in a newly quarantined area, advising them of the quarantine and the necessity of complying with the imposed APHIS requirements for the interstate movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the PSB program in the affected state.

If you wish more details on the Federal Pine Shoot Beetle regulatory program, you may contact the staff officer, Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for interstate movement of articles out of Illinois, please contact the APHIS State Plant Health Director, Stephen Knight, at (847) 299-6939.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state of Illinois in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests including PSB.