

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Adair and Clark Counties, Missouri, to the Pine Shoot Beetle Regulated Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

In response to the confirmation of pine shoot beetle (PSB), *Tomicus piniperda*, in Adair and Clark Counties in Missouri, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding its PSB regulated area to include these areas. This action, which is effective immediately, is necessary to restrict the movement of PSB-host material to uninfested areas of the United States.

The attached Federal Order describes the new regulated area, along with the associated reference to the regulatory requirements per 7 CFR §301.50, which lists the provisions for the movement of PSB-host material.

For more information concerning APHIS' PSB Regulatory Program, please contact Joseph Beckwith, National Operations Manager, at (919) 855-7345. For information on the regulatory requirements for interstate movement of articles out of Missouri, please contact the State Plant Health Director, Michael Brown, at (573) 893-6833.

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Attachment:
Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER
Domestic Quarantine of Adair and Clark Counties, Missouri,
for Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB)(*Tomicus piniperda*)

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This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412 (a), 7 U.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 and is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR §301.50 *et seq.*

Effective immediately, this Federal Order quarantines Adair and Clark Counties in Missouri for PSB, *Tomicus piniperda*. This action is in response to detection of PSB in these counties. Thus, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to regulate Adair and Clark Counties, Missouri, in order to prevent the spread of PSB. Accordingly, all interstate movement of PSB regulated articles from the counties identified above must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found in 7 CFR §301.50.

APHIS has confirmed detections of PSB in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to quarantine in order to prevent the human assisted spread of PSB. The quarantined areas are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR §301.50 and in the Federal Orders located at the following APHIS website:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/psb/index.shtml

Section 7 CFR §301.50-3(a) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state as a PSB quarantined area only when the Administrator of APHIS has determined, as in this case, that the designation of less than an entire state as a quarantined PSB area is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of this pest. In addition, 7 CFR §301.50-3(a) requires that the state adopt and enforce an intrastate PSB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal PSB regulations. The State of Missouri has established an intrastate quarantine for the counties listed above that mirrors the Federal PSB regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR §301.50.

Section 7 CFR §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 7 CFR §301.50-3(c). Section 7 CFR §301.50-3(b) further requires written notification be given to the owners of property 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.

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requirements for interstate movement of articles out of Missouri, please contact the State Plant Health Director, Michael Brown at (573) 893-6833. APHIS continues to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State of Missouri in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests, including PSB.