

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Expansion of the Quarantine Area in Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area to include an additional 12 square miles of the Town of Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts. The expanded ALB quarantine area in Central Massachusetts now totals 110 square miles. This action is necessary to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB.

The attached Federal Order describes the quarantine area and includes the associated reference to Section 7 CFR Part 301.51 *et seq.* that lists the provisions for the movement of ALB regulated articles.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. ALB was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. ALB was later detected in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1998. In October 2002, the beetle was found in Hudson County, New Jersey, and then in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, in August 2004. In August 2008, ALB was discovered in Worcester County, Massachusetts, and in July 2010, ALB was found in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. In June 2011, ALB was detected in Clermont County, Ohio. However, in 2008, after the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following confirmation surveys, ALB was declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey. Similarly, in 2011, ALB was declared eradicated from Islip, New York.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Christine Markham, National ALB Program Director, at (919) 855-7328, or Brendon Reardon, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-5705.

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Enclosure: Federal Order