

FEDERAL ORDER
August 9, 2006

Domestic Quarantine of Craig, Giles, and Roanoke Counties, and the Cities of Salem and Roanoke, Virginia, for Gypsy Moth (GM) (*Lymantria dispar*)

This memorandum provides notification, effective immediately, for quarantine of Craig, Giles, and Roanoke Counties, and the cities of Salem and Roanoke, Virginia, for Gypsy Moth. This action results from positive identification of GM trapped in those areas. All interstate movement of regulated articles from Craig, Giles, and Roanoke Counties, and the cities of Salem and Roanoke must comply with the GM regulatory requirements per 7CFR301.45.

The 7CFR 301.45-2(c) provides for temporary designation of new quarantine areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7CFR 301.45-3(a). The 7CFR 301.45-2(c) 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 requirements for the movement of regulated articles. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the GM program in the affected state.

The 7CFR 301.45-2(b) allows the quarantine of less than an entire state only when the state enforces an intrastate quarantine that matches Federal GM regulations. Accordingly, in order to maintain a partial state quarantine for GM, the State Plant Regulatory Official for Virginia must confirm prior to September 15, 2006, the establishment of an intra-state quarantine for the areas designated by this Order that mirrors the Federal Regulatory requirements as specified in 7CFR301.45. The confirmation should be made in writing to the APHIS' State Plant Health Director for Virginia.

If you wish more details on the Federal GM regulatory program, you may contact the Staff Officer Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of Virginia, please contact the APHIS' State Plant Health Director Ms. Bernetta Barco at (804) 771-2042.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the Commonwealth of Virginia in our mutual effort to prevent the spread of quarantine pests.