

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS Removes the Remaining Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Regulated Area in Brooklyn and Queens, New York

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the 58 square mile Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) regulated area in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. APHIS determined that this area can be removed from quarantine after the program completed final surveys of host trees within the regulated area. The regulated area on Long Island, New York, remains in effect.

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 (1998), New Jersey (2002, 2004), Massachusetts (2008), and Ohio (2011). After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following confirmation surveys, ALB was declared eradicated from Illinois (2008); Hudson County, New Jersey (2008); Islip, New York (2011); Union and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey (2013); Manhattan and Staten Island, New York (2013); and Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts (2014). In 2018, eradication of ALB was declared from Batavia, Stonelick, and Monroe Townships in Clermont County, Ohio. Program activities continue in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and Clermont County, Ohio.

For more information on APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, please contact Paul Chaloux, ALB National Policy Manager, at (301) 851-2064.

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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER
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Removal of the Remaining Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Regulated Area in Brooklyn and Queens, New York

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the remaining 58 square mile Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) regulated area in Brooklyn and Queens, New York.

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). Under the Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. The regulatory authority provided by 7 U.S.C. 7754 allows the Secretary to issue orders to carry out this provision of the Plant Protection Act. This Federal Order is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51.

On May 18, 2017, APHIS issued Federal Order DA-2017-14 establishing the current 58 square mile ALB regulated area in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. The APHIS Administrator has determined that a quarantine area in the locations listed above is no longer necessary in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and based on the results of negative surveys of all regulated host plants within the above quarantine area, APHIS has determined that the 58 square miles in Brooklyn and Queens, New York, have met the criteria for removal of the federal quarantine for ALB. This Federal Order rescinds that Federal Order and removes the established quarantine area. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movements of ALB regulated articles from the above described area are no longer required to be in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.51 et seq. and any applicable provisions of previous Federal Orders.

APHIS has confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to regulate these areas in order to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. The quarantined areas established to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.51-3 and in the Federal Orders, which are located at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/alb-quarantine>.

For more information about APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, you may contact Paul Chaloux, ALB National Policy Manager, at 301-851-2064.

APHIS appreciates the cooperative relationship with the State of New York in the effort to prevent the spread of ALB.