

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: Portion of Township of Monroe, Clermont County, Ohio, added to Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Quarantine Area

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding 88 contiguous properties in the Township of Monroe, Clermont County, Ohio to the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area. The expansion of the ALB quarantine area is in response to the recent detection of infested trees in Monroe. The introduction of ALB to Monroe was the result of movement of infested firewood. The expanded ALB quarantine area in southern Ohio is 56.2 square miles.

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. This action is necessary to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB.

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 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