

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Removes Portions of Batavia and Williamsburg Townships, Clermont County, Ohio from the 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 removing 7.5 square miles from the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in Clermont County, Ohio. The areas include portions of East Fork State Park in Batavia and Williamsburg Townships, north and west of William H. Harsha Lake and Back Run. APHIS determined that these areas could be removed from the quarantine after the program completed final surveys of host trees. East Fork Wildlife Area in Williamsburg Township, north of William H. Harsha Lake, will remain under quarantine. Tate Township in its entirety, and Batavia Township south and east of William H. Harsha Lake and Back Run and the southern part of East Fork State Park will also remain under quarantine. The attached Federal Order describes the quarantine area and includes the associated reference to 7 C.F.R. § 301.51 *et seq.* that lists the provisions for the movement of ALB-regulated articles.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest that threatens 12 species of hardwood trees, including maple, in North America. ALB was first discovered in the United States in New York in August 1996. ALB was later detected in areas of Illinois (1998), New Jersey (2002, 2004), Massachusetts (2008, 2010), Ohio (2011), and South Carolina (2020). After the completion of control and regulatory activities and following confirmation surveys, APHIS declared ALB eradicated in 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); Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts (2014); portions of Batavia, Monroe, and Stonelick Townships, Ohio (2018); and Brooklyn and Queens, New York (2019). Program activities continue in Worcester County, Massachusetts; Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York; Clermont County, Ohio; and Charleston and Dorchester Counties in South Carolina.

The full list of areas regulated to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 C.F.R. § 301.51-3, and in the Federal Orders at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/alb-quarantine>

For more information regarding APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, please contact National Policy Manager, Kathryn Bronsky, at (301) 851-2147.



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Attachment: Federal Order

**United States Department of Agriculture
Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

Federal Order

**Removal of Portions of Batavia and Williamsburg Townships, Clermont County, Ohio
from the Quarantine Area for the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)**

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This Federal Order removes 7.5 square miles from the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in portions of Batavia and Williamsburg Townships, Clermont County, Ohio.

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). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to 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. This Federal Order is also issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 *Code of Federal Regulations* (C.F.R.) § 301.51.

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is decreasing the ALB quarantine area in Clermont County, Ohio, by 7.5 square miles. This Federal Order updates all previous versions of Federal Orders pertaining to the modification of quarantine areas in the ALB domestic regulations.

The land parcels being removed from quarantine in Clermont County, Ohio are as follows:

*032018B005.,	*032018B064.,	*032018B063.,	*032018B008.,	*032018B022.,	*032019J218.,
*032019K282.,	*032019K219.,	0.7 acre unnamed parcel directly east of parcel 042017G002.,			
012017E005.,	524552.003.,	524552.004.,	524552.001.,	524552.005.,	524552.002.,
032018B006.,	042017E025.,	042015B011.,	042015A012.,	042015A014.,	042017G002.,
042015B010.,	042015A013.,	042017G003.,	042016H001.,	032019J211.,	032016C036.,
032016C019.,	012016F005.,	012016D017.,	012018F023.,	012014D029.,	012016D037.,
012016D044.,	012016F014.,	032018D001.,	032018D062.,	032018D003.,	032018D004.,
012014D023.,	012016H048.,	012015C008.,	012014F027.,	012015C009.,	032018E002.,
032018E065.,	012015B028.,	012015C015.,	012015C017.,	012015E022.,	012016H003.,
012015D007.,	012015D006.,	012016G016.,	012016H002.,	012016C038.,	012016C018.,
012016C055.,	012016B015.,	012017F010.,	012017F001.,	012017E023.,	012017F021.,
012015E032.,	012017D024.,	012017D007.,	012017C011.,	012017D009.,	012017E006.,
012017D008.,	012017D012.,	012017D013.,	012017D020.,	012017F022.,	012017E004.,
523516B024.,	523516B028.,	523516B025.,	523516B023.,	523516B026.,	523516B027.,
523514E008.,	523514A006.,	523513B022.,	523514A007.,	523514C004.,	523514E009.,
523514D002.,	523514C015.,	523514C003.,	523516B006.,	523516A034.,	523515B030.,
523515A074.,	523515B029.,	523515C023.,	523515C020.,	523514D001.,	523514E010.,
523514E011.,	523515A031.,	523516A016.,	523515E052.,	523516A007.,	523515E077.,
523516A005.,	523516A022.,	523515E071.,	523516A015.,	523516A018.,	523515C021.,
523515C022.,	523516A010.,	523515E013.,	513515C026.,	523516E008.,	523515E015.,
523515D080.,	523515E008.,	523515E014.,	523516A014.,	523515C024.,	523515D062.,
523515C027.,	513515C025.,	523515D061.,	523515D079.,	523515E041.,	523516A013.,

523515D028., 523515D037., and 523515E006.

* Indicates parcels split by the new quarantine boundary. The portion of the parcel that is north or west of William H. Harsha Lake and Back Run is removed from the quarantine area.

Section 7 C.F.R. § 301.51-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire State as an ALB quarantined area only when the APHIS Administrator has determined, as in this case, that such a designation is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of this pest. In addition, 7 C.F.R. § 301.51-3(a) requires that the state enforces an intrastate ALB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal ALB regulations. The Ohio Department of Agriculture established an intrastate quarantine for a portion of Clermont County that mirrors the Federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 C.F.R. § 301.51 *et seq.*

The APHIS Administrator has determined that a quarantine area in the locations listed above no longer needs to be regulated 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 regulated host plants within the quarantine area. APHIS has determined that the portions Batavia Township and Williamsburg Township, Clermont County, Ohio, have met the criteria for the removal of the Federal quarantine for ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement 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 C.F.R. § 301.51 *et seq.* and any applicable provisions of previous Federal Orders.

APHIS confirmed ALB infestations in various areas of the United States. The Administrator has determined that it is necessary to regulate these areas to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB. The areas regulated to contain the spread of ALB are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 C.F.R. § 301.51-3, and in the Federal Orders at:

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