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SUBJECT: APHIS Establishes Two Additional Regulated Areas in Florida for Giant African Snail (*Lissachatina fulica*, formerly *Achatina fulica*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is notifying stakeholders of two new regulated areas for giant African snail (GAS) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Program personnel recently detected GAS in two residential areas outside of existing regulated areas in Miami. The revised map and description of the new regulated areas are posted on the APHIS website at

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/gas/downloads/gals-quarantinezone.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gas/downloads/gals-quarantinezone.pdf)

In September 2011, APHIS confirmed the detection of GAS, *Lissachatina fulica*, in a residential area of Miami, Florida. GAS is one of the most damaging snails in the world because it is known to consume at least 500 different plants including vegetables, fruits, and ornamental crops. Since the initial detection, APHIS has actively worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct survey, regulatory, control, and outreach activities within the affected areas.

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