FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Establishes Additional Regulated Area 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 one new
regulated area (referred to as Zone Y on the attached map) for giant African snail (GAS) in
Miami-Dade County, Florida. Program personnel have recently detected GAS in these areas that
were outside of existing regulated areas in Miami. The revised map and description of the new
regulated areas are posted on the APHIS website at


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 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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Attachment