

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Adds the Entire State of Maine to the Gypsy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*)
Regulated Area

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding the entire State of Maine to the list of regulated areas for the gypsy moth (GM). This action is being taken in response to Maine expanding the State quarantine to encompass the entire State.

To prevent the further spread of GM, the attached Federal Order establishes the entire State of Maine as a regulated area. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of GM-regulated articles from Maine must be handled in accordance with the attached Federal Order.

GM is a highly destructive insect of approximately 300 species of trees and shrubs. The GM program prescribes conditions for the interstate movement of regulated articles from GM quarantine areas. The federal and state partnership limits the establishment of GM outside the quarantine area that would result from human-assisted movement of the pest. We appreciate the cooperative relationship with Maine in the effort to limit the spread of this pest.

For more information about the GM program and Federal GM regulations, you may call GM National Policy Manager Paul Chaloux at 301-851-2064.

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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of the Entire State of Maine for Gypsy Moth (GM) (*Lymantria dispar*)

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This Federal Order expands the list of regulated areas for gypsy moth (GM) to include the entire State of Maine.

This Federal Order is issued in accordance with 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, 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 CFR 301.45.

Effective immediately, this Federal Order quarantines the entire State of Maine for GM. Accordingly, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to quarantine the entire State of Maine to prevent the spread of GM. This action parallels Maine's expansion of the State quarantine to encompass the entire State. All interstate movement of GM regulated articles from the State of Maine must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.45 et seq. and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

APHIS has confirmed GM infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that quarantines are necessary to prevent the spread of GM. The areas quarantined due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the Federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.45-3. The full list of areas quarantined due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the federal regulations located in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) at 7 CFR 301.45-3 and the Federal Orders at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/gypsy-moth-quarantine>

7 CFR 301.45-2(c) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.45-3(a). 7 CFR 301.45-2(c) further requires written notification to the owner or person who possesses a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the federal and/or state regulatory personnel responsible for the GM program in the affected state.

Previous Federal Orders pertaining to the expansion of quarantined areas in the GM domestic regulations have been necessary due to the continuing spread of GM. This Federal Order further expands the quarantined areas as described in previous GM Federal Orders.

If you would like more details on the Federal GM regulatory program, you may call GM National Policy Manager Paul Chaloux at 301-851-2064. For information on regulatory requirements for movement of articles out of quarantined areas in Maine, please call APHIS State Plant Health Director Rachel Nyce at 207-848-0008.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with Maine in our effort to prevent the spread of GM.