

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds New Commodities to the Exempted Host List for Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding kiwifruit (*Actinidia* spp.), blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.), persimmon (*Diospyros kaki*), green bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), and daikon (*Raphanus sativus*) to the light brown apple moth (LBAM) exempted host list.

The commodities on the exempted host list, when commercially produced, are exempt from the LBAM interstate movement provisions. The exemption is based on pest biology and mitigations provided through industry standards of production, harvesting, and packaging practices for each of the exempted commodities.

For future additions to the LBAM exempted host list, APHIS will update its website (listed below) with the date and description of the new commodity and will notify state regulatory authorities of the change. The exempted host list is available on the LBAM website at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/lba_moth/index.shtml

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