

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Adds Mendocino County to the Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM)
(*Epiphyas postvittana*) Regulated Area in California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding Mendocino County to the light brown apple moth (LBAM) regulated areas in California. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of LBAM into non-infested areas of the United States. APHIS, in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and local county agricultural commissioners, maintains its survey and regulatory framework to prevent the artificial spread of LBAM to other states or trading partners. This is a result of LBAM detections in Mendocino County in May 2015. APHIS previously regulated Mendocino County for LBAM from October 2014 to April 2015.

Effective immediately, all interstate movement of LBAM regulated articles from the regulated areas must be done in accordance with the Federal Order DA-2015-21 issued on April 24, 2015. Exemption of commercially-produced host commodities is based on the pest mitigations provided through industry standards of production, harvesting, and packaging practices for each of the exempted commodities. The regulated articles, regulated areas, and exempted host list may be accessed here:

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

For changes to the LBAM regulated area, APHIS updates its website with the date and description of the regulated areas and will notify state regulatory authorities immediately of the change. In addition, APHIS will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

LBAM is native to Australia and has established populations in New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Hawaii. The host range for LBAM includes more than 300 plant species. A map of the federal quarantine area is at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/lbam_maps>.

For further information about the LBAM program, you may call National Policy Manager Richard Johnson at 301-851-2109.

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