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Subject: APHIS Adds Wine Grapes to the Exempted Host List for the Light Brown Apple Moth (*Epiphyas postvittana*) in California

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding commercially produced wine grapes (*Vitis vinifera*) to the light brown apple moth (LBAM) exempted host list, which is posted at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/lbam

Exempt host commodities are exempt from the conditions required in the LBAM Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for interstate movement of regulated articles. The exemption applies only to commercially produced commodities based on the pest mitigations provided through industry standards of production, harvesting, and packaging practices for each of the exempted commodities. Commodities that are not produced using these industry practices remain subject to the program requirements for interstate movement.

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. LBAM is native to Australia and has established populations in New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Hawaii. The host range for LBAM is broad with more than 250 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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