



LBAM Monthly Stakeholder Conference Call – 2019 (from most current)

October 8, 2019

- PPQ Policy Management explained the process of evaluating the deregulation of LBAM. PPQ provided the updated LBAM Status Report to National Plant Board members (state plant regulatory officials) in July and received comments from several states, including CDFA, CACASA, Oregon Department of Agriculture and others. The next step is soliciting comments from trading partners.
- The first week of October, Phytosanitary Issues Management (PIM) staff sent letters to trading partners which had LBAM mentioned in their import regulations. Comments are due by the end of October.
- PPQ is looking into additional considerations that domestic deregulation would include changes to US import regulations to make LBAM non-actionable at US ports of entry.
- PPQ Science & Technology provided an update of their on-going work with systems approaches. Many of the practices would continue to be good nursery practices, regardless of the regulatory status of LBAM.
- CDFA mentioned current status of LBAM in Stanislaus and San Diego Counties.
- Oregon Department of Agriculture provided a brief re-cap of the LBAM incursions into the state, the eradication procedures following the 2016 detection in Polk County and the continuing delimitation procedures following the single detection at the end of the season in 2018 in Douglas County. Oregon has a statewide trapping program which focuses on the populated areas of the state. They deploy about 900 traps.
- The October conference call is normally the final call of the year. If the path forward towards deregulation progresses, we will plan to have additional calls as warranted to keep the community informed.
- There were 29 participants on the call
- The next call is to be determined.

September 10, 2019

- CDFA mentioned that there were no new major detections, only along the leading edge of some regulated areas.
- San Diego County stated that they had completed their delimitations of recent finds.
- San Luis Obispo mentioned ongoing finds during nursery inspections.
- Industry participants inquired on the release of the LBAM report.
- There were 22 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019@ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

August 20, 2019

- The August call was postponed 1 week as the National Plant Board Meeting occurred during the second week and it included a panel discussion of the change of LBAM to a non-regulatory concern.
- CDFA mentioned that it is soliciting semi-annual accomplishment report.



- There are two active delimitations at present. There was a recent detection in Stanislaus County.
- California Strawberry Commission reported that growers and coolers continue to use industry protocol and practices.
- PPQ Policy Management: PPQ distributed the report “Status of the Light Brown Apple Moth, *Epiphyas postvittana* Walker” to National Plant Board members on July 25, 2019. PPQ requested that NPB members review the report and submit their comments by August 23 to LBAM.comments@USDA.gov
- The LBAM panel discussion at the NPB Meeting was well received. Members appreciated the opportunity to air their views.
- There were 22 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

July 9, 2019

- California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) mentioned that they are seeing the most active expansion movement in Orange and Ventura Counties with some in San Luis Obispo County. There are two active delimitations in San Diego County which will be removed in the coming weeks if there are no further detections. There was a new detection in Ventura County, CDFA is working Ventura County Agricultural Commission staff on the outcome.
- PPQ-Oregon reported that Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has placed 200 delimitation traps around the site of last year’s single detection. Additionally, ODA has 520 detection traps around the state. There have been no further detections.
- PPQ-California reported that phytosanitary inspection finds are down this year from previous years. Cooler finds are similar to previous years.
- There were 25 participants on the call.
- The next call is re-scheduled for Tuesday, August 20th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT. This will enable discussion on the LBAM Roundtable at the National Plant Board’s annual meeting, the previous week.

June 11, 2019

- PPQ-Oregon stated that Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) began delimitation trapping in the vicinity of the October 2018 LBAM find in southern Oregon. ODA is also monitoring their state-wide survey grid with special emphasis on the area surrounding the previous eradication area in central Oregon.
- CDFA mentioned that they are seeing expansion through natural movement, particularly in southern California – Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties.
- San Luis Obispo County mentioned that they are seeing a lot of pest pressure this year on nursery stock.
- PPQ-Science & Technology provided an update on their current activities with treatment options.
- PPQ-Policy Management provided an update on the process for development of the report on the status of LBAM in the United States. PPQ held a bilateral meeting with the



Canadian Food Inspection Agency on June 10th, the framework for cooperation on LBAM, plum pox virus and European cherry fruit fly was discussed.

- There were 24 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT

May 14, 2019

- CDFA stated that there were 2 regulated area expansions, in Orange and Ventura Counties.
- PPQ Field Operations: Nothing to report
- PPQ Science & Technology: N/A
- PPQ Trade Directors: N/A
- PPQ Policy Management: we continue to evaluate the path towards deregulation. We are developing the documentation on the status of LBAM in California to answer questions from members of the National Plant Board.
- There were 18 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT

April 9, 2019

- CDFA mentioned that there were minor quarantine expansions in Ventura County. County Cooperative Agreements have been sent out and should be returned with work plans. The Watsonville Office has a new hire which will help with the inspection burden. Counties that want training on LBAM and EGVM identification should contact CDFA.
- PPQ Field Operations: Nothing to report
- PPQ Science & Technology: N/A
- PPQ Trade Directors: N/A
- PPQ Policy Management: we continue to evaluate the path towards deregulation. We are developing the documentation on the status of LBAM in California to answer questions from members of the National Plant Board.
- There were 28 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.

March 12, 2019

- CDFA – commented that there were minor regulated area expansions in San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties. There are two active delimitations.
- PPQ Field Operations: PPQ-Oregon mentioned that using Farm Bill funding (Plant Protection Act Section 7721), Oregon Department of Agriculture will start their trapping season in May with a focus on the area of last fall's the new LBAM detection.
- PPQ Science & Technology:
- PPQ Trade Directors: Nothing to report
- PPQ Policy – PPQ Leadership in a conference call with National Plant Board members announced an aspiration to deregulate LBAM. PPQ will continue extensive talks with trading partners, states, industry and other stakeholders in pursuit of this goal over the coming months. In the meantime, PPQ continues evaluate the exempt host list using



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industry practices and CDFA-generated interception data to contribute to host risk assessment.

- There were 27 participants on the call.
- The next call is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th @ 4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT.