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# Federal Order for U.S. Imports of Host Materials of Tomato Leafminer (*Phthorimaea absoluta*)

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Subject: Federal Order for U.S. Imports of Host Materials of Tomato Leafminer (*Phthorimaea absoluta*)

To: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

The purpose of the attached Federal Order is to prevent the entry or introduction of the tomato leafminer, *Phthorimaea absoluta* (formerly *Tuta absoluta*), into the United States. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) previously issued Federal Orders that imposed import requirements for tomato leafminer hosts from infested countries. This Federal Order, effective March 31, 2023, replaces the current Federal Order DA-2019-18 and any previous *T. absoluta* Federal Orders. This Federal Order updates the list of countries infested by tomato leafminer to include Trinidad and Tobago. The following 33 countries have market access for tomatoes (*Solanum lycopersicum*) into the United States if they are able to meet the import requirements of this Federal Order in addition to existing import requirements targeting other pests:

Algeria	Greece	Panama
Belgium	Guinea	Poland
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Portugal
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Senegal
Cabo Verde	Israel	Sierra Leone
Chile	Italy	Spain
Costa Rica	Liberia	Togo
Cote D'Ivoire	Mali	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Morocco	United Kingdom
France	Netherlands	
Gambia	Niger	
Ghana	Nigeria	

This Federal Order also includes a list of countries considered infested with tomato leafminer, and prohibits imports of two propagative host materials, *Datura* spp. and *Salpichroa* spp., and synonyms, except seeds, from these specific countries.

For additional information regarding this Federal Order, please contact Regulatory Policy Specialist Ms. Julie Orr at 301-851-4022, or via email at [Julie.Orr@usda.gov](mailto:Julie.Orr@usda.gov).

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