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APHIS Expands Box Tree Moth (Cydalima perspectalis) Quarantines in Michigan and Ohio

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Subject: APHIS Expands Box Tree Moth (*Cydalima perspectalis*) Quarantines in Michigan and Ohio

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), is adding Lapeer County, Michigan, and Miami County, Ohio, to the box tree moth (BTM; *Cydalima perspectalis*) quarantined areas. Additionally, APHIS and ODA are expanding the quarantine that partially covers Greene and Montgomery Counties, Ohio, to now encompass the entire Counties. These measures parallel the intrastate quarantines established by MDARD on January 8, 2025, and ODA on March 10, 2025. This Federal Order supersedes Federal Order DA-2024-47.

To prevent the spread of BTM, APHIS considers it necessary to regulate the interstate movement of regulated articles of boxwood from quarantined areas.

Boxwood plants may only be moved interstate from a quarantined area from an establishment operating under a compliance agreement, and if accompanied by a certificate issued by a state agricultural authority certifying that the shipment meets the requirements of this Federal Order and the compliance agreement. These requirements facilitate the safe interstate movement of boxwood by producers and distributors. State agricultural authorities may prescribe additional safeguards and protocols.

APHIS prohibits movement of all other regulated articles of boxwood, including plant parts, pieces, cuttings, clippings, debris, and any portion of the plant, alive or dead, except for decorative purposes.

The <u>APHIS BTM web page</u> has the attached Federal Order and additional information about this pest.

For additional information about the BTM program, you may contact:

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Attachment: Federal Order (218.47 KB)