FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Expands the Asian Longhorned Beetle *(Anoplophora glabripennis)*-Quarantine Area in South Carolina

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), working with Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry, is expanding areas quarantined for Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*; ALB) in Charleston County, South Carolina. We are adding 16.5 square miles in Mount Pleasant and 25.2 square miles in Hollywood. APHIS is taking this action because ALB-infested trees were confirmed in Mount Pleasant on August 24, 2025, and additional detections occurred in Hollywood. The attached Federal Order includes the updated quarantine boundaries and references the ALB regulations in 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.51-1 through 301.51-9.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest that attacks 12 genera of hardwood trees, including maples. ALB was first detected in the United States in New York in August 1996. ALB was later detected in areas of Illinois (1998), New Jersey (2002, 2004), Massachusetts (2008, 2010), Ohio (2011), and South Carolina (2020). After the completion of control and regulatory activities, and following confirmation surveys, APHIS declared ALB eradicated in Illinois (2008); Hudson County, New Jersey (2008); Islip, New York (2011); Union and Middlesex Counties, New Jersey (2013); Manhattan and Staten Island, New York (2013); Suffolk and Norfolk Counties, Massachusetts (2014); portions of Batavia, Monroe, and Stonelick Townships, Ohio (2018); Brooklyn and Queens, New York (2019); a portion of Tate Township, Ohio (2025); the Town of Holden, Massachusetts (2025) and portions of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York (2026). Program activities continue in Worcester County, Massachusetts; Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York; Clermont County, Ohio; and Charleston and Dorchester Counties in South Carolina.

The APHIS ALB webpage lists all quarantined areas and regulated articles. APHIS will also publish a notice of this change in the *Federal Register*.

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Attachment: Federal Order

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FEDERAL ORDER

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This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7786. Section 412(a) of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7712(a)) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. The regulatory authority provided by 7 U.S.C. 7754 allows the Secretary to issue orders to carry out this provision of the Plant Protection Act. This Federal Order is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.51-1 through 301.51-9 (hereafter referred to as "the regulations").

Under 7 CFR 301.51-3(a), APHIS can designate part of a state as an ALB-quarantined area only if two conditions are met:

1. The state must enforce an intrastate quarantine equivalent to the Federal quarantine. Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry has established an intrastate quarantine for the affected portions of Charleston County that mirrors the Federal quarantine.
2. The APHIS Administrator has determined, as in this case, that designating less than the entire state is adequate to prevent the interstate spread of ALB.

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APHIS appreciates its ongoing partnership with Clemson University's Department of Plant Industry in preventing the spread of ALB.