

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
DA-2008-59
September 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Quarantine of Portion of Worcester County, Massachusetts for Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing a Federal Domestic Quarantine Order, effective immediately, quarantining a portion of Worcester County, Massachusetts, for Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), *Anoplophora glabripennis*. Attached is the Federal Domestic Quarantine Order for this action.

On August 5, 2008, APHIS confirmed the identification of ALB in Worcester County, Massachusetts, as documented in the August 11, 2008, SPRO#: DA-2008-47. This was the first detection of ALB in the State of Massachusetts.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest of maple and other hardwoods. This pest was first discovered in the United States in Brooklyn, New York, in August 1996. ALB was later detected in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1998. In October 2002, the beetle was found in Hudson County, New Jersey, and then in Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey, in August 2004. After 4 years of negative surveys, ALB was recently declared eradicated in Chicago, Illinois, and Hudson County, New Jersey. A single ALB was recently detected in the city of Deerfield, Illinois, as documented in the August 11, 2008, SPRO#: DA-2008-46, but no additional detections have occurred in that area despite aggressive survey activity.

For more information regarding APHIS' ALB Eradication Program and the recent detections in Massachusetts, you may contact Christine Markham, APHIS' National ALB Program Director, at Area Code (919) 855-7328 or Julie Twardowski, APHIS' National ALB Program Coordinator, at Area Code (301) 734-5332.

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Attachment:
Federal Order