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RESOLUTION NUMBER 5

LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH

Light Brown Apple Moth (LBAM), *Epiphyas postvittana*, was first detected and established in the continental United States in March, 2007 in Alameda County, California. Since that time, LBAM has been detected in sixteen California counties. To date, a total of 73,691 adult moths have been trapped within all coastal California Counties from Sonoma in the north to Los Angeles in the south. There is an abundance of research literature that clearly depicts LBAM as a plant pest with a wide host range that includes many important fruit and vegetables as well as ornamental crops of economic importance. The USDA, APHIS Economic Analysis Risk to U.S. apple, grape, orange, and pear production from the LBAM, (within USDA, APHIS, PPQ, CHPST-PEREL, G. Fowler, L. Garret, et.al.) provides a good summary of the economic importance and impact potential of this pest. There is overwhelming evidence that the LBAM is a plant pest of economic importance that must be regulated to retard spread and mitigate its damage potential. Information within the recent Special Needs Request, filed by twelve Southern Plant Board member states, provides further justification for the need for a more comprehensive regulatory strategy to protect other states and regions of North America from this recent invader.

RESOLVED by the Southern Plant Board at its annual meeting in Greenville, South Carolina on April 22, 2009, that the USDA, APHIS, PPQ continue to treat LBAM as an actionable pest of quarantine significance and undertake a comprehensive LBAM program review with representation from the National Plant Board regional boards.

Motion to adopt: Christel Hardin, SC
Seconded by: Stephen Schmidt, NC

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