

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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Subject: APHIS Removes Portions of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York, from the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) Quarantine Area

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing 10.1 square miles from the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York. The areas include portions of the Townships of Babylon, Huntington, and Oyster Bay on Long Island. APHIS determined that these areas could be removed from the quarantine after the program completed final surveys of host trees. The remaining 42.9 square miles under quarantine in the Townships of Babylon, Huntington, and Oyster Bay will remain in the quarantine area. The attached Federal Order provides notification of the rescinded quarantine area. To contain the spread of ALB, all movement of regulated articles from the remaining quarantine area in Nassau and Suffolk Counties must be handled in accordance with [7 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) § 301.51 et seq.](#)

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest that threatens 12 species of hardwood trees, including maple, in North America. ALB was first discovered 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); and portions of Batavia and Monroe Townships, Ohio (2022). Program activities continue in Worcester County, Massachusetts; Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York; Clermont County, Ohio; and Charleston and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina.

The full lists designating the ALB quarantine areas and regulated articles are published on the [APHIS ALB webpage](#). For more information regarding APHIS' ALB Eradication Program, please contact National Policy Manager, Kathryn Bronsky, at kathryn.e.bronsky@usda.gov or (301) 851-2147.



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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Removal of Portions of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York from the Quarantine Area for the Asian Longhorned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*)

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This Federal Order removes 10.1 square miles from the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area in portions of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York.

This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or 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. This Federal Order is also issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at [7 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) § 301.51](#) *et seq.*

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing the following areas in the Northwest, Southeast and Southwest portions of the ALB quarantine area in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York:

- Portions of Old Bethpage and Melville, North of Spagnoli Road and West of Route 110;
- Portions of Massapequa and Massapequa Park, South of Clark Boulevard and West of Unqua Road; and
- Portions of Babylon, West Babylon and Lindenhurst, South of Railroad Avenue and East of South Delaware Avenue.

Section 7 CFR § 301.51-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire State as an ALB quarantined area only when the APHIS Administrator has determined, as in this case, that such a designation is adequate to prevent the artificial interstate spread of this pest. In addition, 7 CFR § 301.51-3(a) requires that the state enforces an intrastate ALB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal ALB regulations. The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has established a parallel intrastate quarantine for Nassau and Suffolk Counties that mirrors the Federal regulatory requirements as specified in 7 CFR § 301.51 *et seq.*

The APHIS Administrator has determined that the quarantine areas in the locations listed above no longer need to be regulated to prevent the human-assisted spread of ALB after the completion of control and regulatory activities and based on the results of negative surveys of regulated host plants within the quarantine area. APHIS has determined that portions of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York, have met the criteria for the removal of the Federal quarantine for ALB. Therefore, effective immediately, all interstate movement of ALB-regulated articles from the above-described area are no longer required to be in accordance with the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR § 301.51 *et seq.* and any applicable provisions of previous Federal Orders.

The remaining areas regulated to contain the spread of ALB are listed on the [APHIS ALB webpage](#). For more information regarding the ALB Eradication Program, please contact National Policy Manager, Kathryn Bronsky, at kathryn.e.bronsky@usda.gov or (301) 851-2147.

APHIS appreciates the cooperative relationship with the State of New York in the efforts to eradicate and prevent the spread of ALB.