

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: APHIS Adds Entirety of Iowa to Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus Planipennis*)
Regulated Area

TO: State and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is expanding the list of regulated areas for the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) to include the entire state of Iowa. APHIS is taking this action in response to the detection of emerald ash borer (EAB) in widely separated locations in the state. APHIS previously regulated only a portion of Iowa due to the establishment and enforcement of equivalent state quarantines. However, Iowa has now expanded its EAB quarantine to include all counties in the state. For this reason, APHIS is adding all of Iowa to its list of regulated areas to prevent the spread of EAB to other states.

The attached Federal Order outlines specific conditions for the interstate movement of EAB-regulated articles from Iowa to prevent the spread of EAB to other states. Specifically, the interstate movement of EAB-host wood and wood products from Iowa is regulated, including firewood of all hardwood species, nursery stock, green lumber, waste, compost, and chips of ash species.

EAB is an invasive wood boring beetle that is native to China and other areas of East Asia. The beetle is present in some portions of the United States, and because of its continuing spread, APHIS has established regulated areas that are designated in the *Code of Federal Regulations* at 7 CFR 301.53-3 and the Federal Orders located at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/eab_quarantine

The interstate movement of firewood from quarantine areas is an especially high-risk pathway for spreading EAB. Therefore, APHIS works with State cooperators and foresters to prevent human assisted movement of EAB, develop biological and other controls for EAB, and raise public awareness about this pest and the potential threats associated with long distance movement of firewood.

For additional information regarding the EAB program and Federal EAB regulations, please call National Policy Manager Paul Chaloux at 301-851-2064.

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Attachment: Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine of the State of Iowa for Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*)

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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), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States and is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR 301.53.

Effective immediately, this Federal Order quarantines the entire state of Iowa for emerald ash borer (EAB). APHIS previously quarantined only a portion of the state due to the establishment and enforcement of equivalent quarantines by the state. Iowa, however, has now expanded its EAB quarantine to include all of the state's counties. Thus, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) finds it necessary to regulate the entire state to prevent the spread of EAB. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of EAB regulated articles from Iowa must be done in accordance with the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act and found at 7 CFR 301.53 et seq. and any applicable provisions of this Federal Order.

APHIS has confirmed EAB infestations in various areas of the United States for which the Administrator has determined that it is necessary to quarantine these areas to prevent the spread of EAB. The areas quarantined due to the continuing spread of EAB are designated in the federal regulations located at 7 CFR 301.53-3 and the Federal Orders located at the following APHIS website:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/planthealth/eab_quarantine

Section 7 CFR 301.53-3 (b) provides for the temporary designation of new quarantined areas pending publication of a rule to add counties to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.53-3(c). Section 7 CFR 301.53-3 (b) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the EAB program in the affected State.

The previous Federal Orders pertaining to the expansion of quarantined areas in the EAB domestic regulations have been necessary due to the continuing spread of EAB. This March 5, 2014, Federal Order further expands the quarantined areas as described in the previous EAB Federal Orders.

If you wish more details on the Federal EAB regulatory program, you may call EAB National Policy Manager Paul Chaloux at 301-851-2064. For information on regulatory requirements for

movement of articles out of quarantined areas in Iowa, please call APHIS State Plant Health Director Kevin Connors at 952-814-1071.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with Iowa in our effort to prevent the spread of EAB.