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APHIS Expands the Citrus Greening (Huanglongbing) Quarantine Area in Texas

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FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

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Subject: APHIS Expands the Citrus Greening (Huanglongbing) Quarantine Area in Texas

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), is expanding the areas quarantined for citrus greening (Huanglongbing; HLB), caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*, in Texas. APHIS is adding all of Zapata County in Texas to the quarantined areas.

APHIS is taking this action because of citrus greening detections in plant tissue samples collected from a residential property in Zapata County, Texas. There is no commercial citrus impacted by this expansion.

APHIS is applying safeguarding measures on the interstate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined areas in Texas. These measures parallel the intrastate

quarantine that TDA established. This action is necessary to prevent the spread of citrus greening to noninfested areas of the United States.

The specific changes to the quarantined areas in Texas can be found on the [APHIS Citrus Greening website](#). APHIS will publish a notice of this change in the Federal Register.

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