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To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA), is expanding the box tree moth (BTM; Cydalima perspectalis) quarantine in New Jersey. The quarantine now includes Atlantic and Cumberland Counties. APHIS is taking this action because BTM was confirmed in Cumberland County on August 20, 2026. This action parallels the NJDA’s intrastate quarantine established on August 26, 2026.

APHIS regulates interstate movement of boxwood plants from quarantined areas to prevent the spread of BTM. You may move boxwood plants from quarantined areas only if your establishment has a compliance agreement, and each shipment includes a state-issued certificate showing you meet the requirements in your compliance agreement and Federal Order DA-2026- 24. These requirements help ensure safe

movement of boxwood plants between states. This action is authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7786). States may have additional requirements.

APHIS prohibits interstate movement of all other regulated articles of boxwood from quarantine areas. This includes plant parts, pieces, cuttings, clipping, debris, and any portion of the plant, alive or dead. These items may only move interstate for decorative uses (e.g., floral arrangements, garlands, and wreaths).

Federal quarantine maps and descriptions are available on the APHIS BTM webpage. APHIS will also publish a notice of this change in the Federal Register.

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