APHIS Removes Shrewsbury, Massachusetts from the Asian Longhorned Beetle (Anoplophora glabripennis) Quarantined Area

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To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is removing 21.8 square miles in Worcester County, Massachusetts, consisting of the entire Town of Shrewsbury, from the Asian longhorned beetle (Anoplophora glabripennis; ALB) quarantined area. After the ALB Eradication Program completed its final survey of host trees, APHIS determined that this area can be removed from the quarantine. Other nearby areas remain under quarantine, including the northern portion of the Town of Auburn, the Towns of Boylston, West Boylston, and the City of Worcester. The attached Federal Order is authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7786) in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 301.51-1 through 301.51-9 which outlines the updated quarantined area and

references the regulations which describe how ALB-regulated articles must be moved.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest that attacks 12 genera of hardwood trees, including maple. ALB was first discovered in the United States in New York in August 1996 and later found in Illinois (1998), New Jersey (2002, 2004), Massachusetts (2008, 2010), Ohio (2011), and South Carolina (2020, 2025). APHIS has declared ALB eradicated in several areas after completing control efforts and 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 in Clermont County, Ohio (2018); Brooklyn in Kings County and Queens in Queens County, New York (2019); a portion of Tate Township in Clermont County, Ohio (2025, 2026); the Towns of Holden (2025) and Shrewsbury (2026) in Worcester County, Massachusetts; portions of the Town of Oyster Bay in Nassau County and portions of the Towns of Babylon and Huntington in Suffolk County, New York (2026). Program activities continue in Worcester County, Massachusetts; Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York; Clermont County, Ohio; and Charleston and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina.

The APHIS ALB webpage lists all quarantined areas and regulated articles. APHIS will publish a notice of this change in the Federal Register.

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