APHIS Issues New Host List for Regulated Articles for West Indian Fruit Fly (Anastrepha obliqua) for Federal Quarantines in the United States

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To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing a new host list (regulated articles) for West Indian fruit fly, Anastrepha obliqua (Macquart). The regulated articles in this list are berries, fruits, nuts, and vegetables of the listed plant species, including all cultivars, varieties, and hybrids. APHIS is taking this action to reduce the risk of pest spread during the ongoing domestic Federal quarantine in Texas. APHIS will use this list when establishing future quarantines for this pest.

West Indian fruit fly is established in Mexico, Central and South America, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. It is not endemic to the continental United States, Hawaii, and its other territories. This pest causes damage when females lay eggs in the plant host. The eggs hatch into larvae, which tunnel through the flesh of the host, making it unfit for consumption. This fruit fly species attacks numerous types of plant hosts, including many economically important U.S. crops.

APHIS will regulate the interstate movement of regulated articles from all quarantined areas for this fruit fly species in the United States in accordance with 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 301.32 through 301.32-10, and any applicable provisions of this and other Federal Orders. The host plants listed in the attached Federal Order are now regulated articles for A. obliqua. This action is authorized by the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7786).

The APHIS Exotic Fruit Flies webpage contains the host list for this fruit fly species, the current quarantined area for this fruit fly species, and this Federal Order. APHIS will follow this action by publishing a notice in the Federal Register.

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