

October 1, 2026

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

To: State, Tribal, and Territory Agricultural Regulatory Officials

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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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Attachment: Federal Order

**United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection and Quarantine**

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This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, [7 U.S.C. 7701 through 7786](#). Section 412(a) of the Plant Protection Act ([7 U.S.C. 7712\(a\)](#)) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, among other things, to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, article, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. The regulatory authority provided by [7 U.S.C. 7754](#) allows the Secretary to issue orders to carry out this provision of the Plant Protection Act. This Federal Order is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at [7 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 301.51-1 through 301.51-9](#) (hereafter referred to as “the regulations”).

7 CFR 301.51-3(a) allows the designation of less than an entire state as an ALB-quarantined area when two criteria are met. First, the state enforces an intrastate ALB quarantine that is equivalent to the Federal ALB quarantine. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation confirmed the establishment of an intrastate quarantine for a portion of Worcester County that mirrors the Federal interstate quarantine. Second, the APHIS Administrator has determined, as in this case, that this designation is adequate to prevent the artificial interstate spread of this pest.

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For questions about the ALB Eradication Program, contact: David Gruchot at david.j.gruchot@usda.gov or (847) 699-2421.

APHIS appreciates its ongoing partnership with the State of Massachusetts in preventing the spread of ALB.