

Steven W. Troxler Commissioner

North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Declaration of Interior Quarantine for the Emerald Ash Borer, Agrilus planipennis.

Statutory Authority: North Carolina Plant Pest Law (Article 36, Chapter 106 of the General Statutes of North Carolina) and pursuant to the Exterior Pest Regulations (2 NCAC 48A, Section .0300-.0305)

Interior Quarantine: The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Plant Industry Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS), and the Plant Pest Administrator hereby immediately establish an interior quarantine for the Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus planipennis*, for Granville, Person and Vance Counties in North Carolina. In addition, the Commissioner of Agriculture may designate any area as quarantined for Emerald Ash Borer in the future.

Regulated Articles: For the purposes of this quarantine, the following articles are designated as regulated articles:

- (1) The Emerald Ash Borer, Agrilus planipennis, in any living stage of development.
- (2) Firewood of all hardwood (nonconiferous) species.
- (3) All plants and plant parts of the genus *Fraxinus* including, but not limited to nursery stock, green(nonheat treated) lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted chips.
- (4) Any article, product, or means of conveyance when it is determined by the Plant Pest Administrator to present a risk of spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus planipennis*.

Conditions Governing the Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles

- (a) **Regulated Articles-**All regulated articles are prohibited from movement transiting from Granville, Person and Vance Counties.
- (b) **Regulated Articles**-Articles originating in an area not known to have Emerald Ash Borer, but transiting through an area known to have Emerald Ash Borer will be considered to be regulated.
- (c) **Scientific Permits**-Scientific permits may be issued by NCDA&CS' Plant Pest Administrator to allow the movement of the Emerald Ash Borer, *Agrilus planipennis* in any living stage or any regulated articles for scientific purposes under such conditions as may be prescribed in each specific case by the Plant Pest Administrator.

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(d) Compliance Agreements- As a condition of issuance of certificates or permits for the movement of regulated articles, any person engaged in purchasing, assembling, exchanging, handling, processing, utilizing, treating or moving such articles may be required to sign a compliance agreement stipulating that he or she will maintain such safeguards against the establishment and dissemination and comply with such conditions as to the maintenance of identity, handling and subsequent movement of such articles and the cleaning and treatment of means of conveyance and containers used in the transportation of such articles as may be required by the inspector.

The regulated areas shall be enforced under and in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina Plant Pest Law, *Article 36 of Chapter 106 of the North Carolina General Statutes (including G.S. 106-423.1)*

This the 17th day of June, 2013 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Steven W. Troxler, Commissioner

Vernon N. Cox, Director

Phillip W. Wilson, Plant Pest Administrator