

Notice of Hearing Concerning: Proposed Permanent Quarantine

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2117, a public hearing will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on February 6, 2020 in room 124, Kansas Department of Agriculture (“KDA”), 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502 regarding the issuance of a permanent quarantine of the Emerald Ash Borer (*Agilus planipennis* [Coleoptera: Buprestidae]). The proposed quarantine would expand the current permanent Emerald Ash Borer quarantine to include Jackson and Miami Counties. It would prohibit movement of regulated items from the quarantined area, except under specific conditions, and would require the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer in an area not currently under quarantine to be reported to KDA within 72 hours.

Regulated items under the quarantine would include:

- The Emerald Ash Borer, in any living stage of development;
- firewood of all hardwood (non-coniferous) species;
- nursery stock of the genus *Fraxinus* (Ash);
- green lumber of the genus *Fraxinus* (Ash);
- other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted chips of the genus *Fraxinus* (Ash); and
- any other article, product, or means of conveyance that an inspector determines presents a risk of spreading Emerald Ash Borer, upon notice to the person in possession of the article, product, or means of conveyance that it is subject to the restrictions of the quarantine.

All interested persons may attend the hearing in person or appear by counsel and will have the opportunity to express comments orally, in writing, or both. Written comments and requests for information concerning the proposed quarantine should be directed to Jeff Vogel, Plant Protection & Weed Control Program Manager, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, jeff.vogel@ks.gov, at or before the time of hearing. A copy of the proposed quarantine may be accessed on KDA’s website at <https://agriculture.ks.gov/document-services/public-comment>. Comments may also be made on KDA’s website. For persons intending to present oral comments at the hearing, prior notice to KDA would be helpful in arranging the agenda and may be provided using any of the contact information contained in this Notice. In order to ensure all parties are able to comment, each participant’s oral presentation may be limited to five minutes.

Anyone with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and request a copy of the quarantine in an accessible format. Such requests should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Ronda Hutton at 785-564- 6715 or fax (785) 564-6777. Handicapped parking is located in the west parking lot and the building entrance is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

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Secretary, Kansas Department of Agriculture