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Amendment to the Declaration of Exterior Quarantine for the Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, and the fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*, that causes Thousand Cankers Disease in walnut trees, *Juglans spp.*

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 (2NCAC 48A, Section .0300-.0305)

Exterior and Interior Quarantines: 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 amends the exterior quarantine for the Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, and the fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*, that causes Thousand Cankers Disease in walnut trees, *Juglans spp.*, for the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington and any other states found to be infested or infected to include Haywood County, North Carolina. This amendment is needed to prevent the establishment, dissemination, or potential spread of Thousand Cankers Disease and its vector within North Carolina.

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

- (1) The Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, in any living stage of development;
- (2) The fungal pathogen *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*;
- (3) Firewood of any non-coniferous (hardwood) species;
- (4) All plants and plant parts of the genus *Juglans* including, but not limited to nursery stock, budwood, scionwood, green lumber, and other material living, dead, cut, or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, and composted and uncomposted chips. Specific exceptions are nuts, nut meats, hulls, processed lumber (one hundred percent (100%) bark-free, kiln-dried with square edges), and finished wood products without bark, including walnut furniture, instruments, and gun stocks; and
- (5) Any article, product, or means of conveyance when it is determined by the Plant Pest Administrator to present a risk of spread of the Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, or the fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*

Quarantined Areas:

Exterior Quarantine: The entire states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington and any other states found to harbor the Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, or the fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.*, that causes Thousand Cankers Disease in walnut trees, *Juglans spp.*

Interior Quarantine: Haywood County.



Conditions Governing the Interstate Movement of Regulated Articles

- (a) **Regulated Articles**-All regulated articles are prohibited from movement into or transiting through the state of North Carolina and from Haywood County.
- (b) **Regulated Articles**-Articles originating in an area not known to have Thousand Cankers Disease, but transiting through an area known to have Thousand Cankers Disease 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 Walnut Twig Beetle, *Pityophthorus juglandis*, and the fungal pathogen, *Geosmithia morbida sp. nov.* 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.
- (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 Administrative Code which relate to Exterior Pests (including *2NCAC 48A, Section. 0300-.0305*), and *Article 36 of Chapter 106 of the North Carolina General Statutes (including G.S. 106-423.1)*

This the 3rd day of January, 2013 in Raleigh, North Carolina.



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Vernon Cox, Interim Director



Phil Wilson, Plant Pest Administrator