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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

5 CFR Part 591

RIN 3206-AH07

Cost-of-Living Allowances (Nonforeign Areas); Kauai, HI; U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) published a final rule on October 21, 1998 (63 FR 56430), concerning cost-of-living allowance rates for certain Federal employees in Kauai, HI, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This rule adopted as final a previous interim rule (62 FR 14188, March 25, 1997) that raised the COLA rates in these two areas. In transcribing the implementation date from the interim rule, we inadvertently used "1998" instead of "1997." The correct implementation date is shown in the **DATES** section that follows.

DATES: *Effective date:* November 20, 1998. *Implementation date:* The rate increases authorized by these regulations are applicable as of the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after March 25, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 301

[Docket No. 98-088-1]

Asian Longhorned Beetle; Addition to Quarantined Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the Asian longhorned beetle regulations by adding three areas in and around Chicago, IL, to the list of quarantined areas and restricting the interstate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined areas. This action is necessary on an emergency basis to prevent the spread of the Asian longhorned beetle to noninfested areas of the United States.

DATES: Interim rule effective November 6, 1998. Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before January 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 98-088-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 98-088-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), an insect native to China, Japan, Korea, and the Isle of Hainan, is a destructive pest of hardwood trees. It is known to attack healthy maple, horse chestnut, birch,

Rose of Sharon, poplar, willow, elm, locust, mulberry, chinaberry, apple, cherry, pear, and citrus trees. It may also attack other species of hardwood trees. In addition, nursery stock, logs, green lumber, firewood, stumps, roots, branches, and debris of a half an inch or more in diameter are subject to infestation. ALB bores into the heartwood of host trees, eventually killing the host trees. Immature beetles bore into tree trunks and branches, causing heavy sap flow from wounds and sawdust accumulation at tree bases. They feed on, and over-winter in, the interior of the trees. Adult beetles emerge in the spring and summer months from round holes approximately 3/8-inch diameter (about the size of a dime) that they bore through the trunks of trees. After emerging, adult beetles feed for 2 to 3 days and then mate. Adult females then lay eggs in oviposition sites that they make on the branches of trees. A new generation of ALB is produced each year. If this pest moves into the hardwood forests of the United States, the nursery and forest products industries could experience severe economic losses.

The Asian longhorned beetle regulations (7 CFR 301.51-1 through 301.51-9, referred to below as the regulations) restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles from quarantined areas to prevent the spread of ALB to noninfested areas of the United States. Portions of New York City and Nassau and Suffolk Counties in the State of New York are already designated as quarantined areas.

Recent surveys by inspectors of Illinois State, county, and city agencies and by inspectors of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have revealed that infestations of ALB have occurred in and around the Chicago, IL, area. Specifically, infestations have been found in the Ravenswood area in the city of Chicago; in the village of Summit, IL; and in the unincorporated areas of Dupage County near Addison, IL. Officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and officials of State, county, and city agencies in Illinois have begun an intensive survey and eradication program in the infested areas. The State of Illinois has quarantined the infested areas and is restricting the intrastate movement of regulated articles from the quarantined areas to prevent the artificial spread of