



**U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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To: Customs Brokers, Terminal Operators, Vessel Agents, Airlines, Importers, Freight Forwarders, Carriers, Partner Government Agencies, and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: 2021 Asian Gypsy Moth

Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) is a serious pest that can be carried on ships and cargo. AGM populations are prevalent in some seaport areas in Far East Russia, Japan, Korea, and Northern China. If introduced, AGM would have significant negative impacts on our forestry and agricultural resources, the natural environment, the commerce that relies on those resources, and market access.

Actions

For vessels that have called on areas regulated for AGM during the specified periods, as outlined below, the following measures are required:

- 1. Vessels must be inspected and must obtain pre-departure certification** from a recognized certification body. A copy of the certificate, stating that the vessel is free of AGM life stages, must be forwarded to their U.S. agents. The certificate must be issued from at least the last port of call in a regulated area that was visited during the specific risk period.
- 2. Vessels must arrive into U.S. ports free from AGM.** To avoid facing inspection delays, re-routing and other potential impacts associated with mitigating the risk of entry of AGM, shipping lines and vessel crew should perform intensive vessel self-inspections to look for, remove (scrape off), and properly dispose of or destroy all egg masses and other life stages of AGM prior to entering U.S. ports.
- 3. Vessels must provide two-year port of call data, at least 96 hours prior to arrival.** The agent is to ensure that this information is provided to CBP.

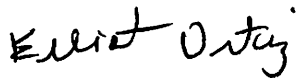
Regulated Areas and Specified Risk Periods

| Country | Port or Prefecture | Specified Risk Period* |
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| Russian Far East | Nakhodka, Ol'ga, Plastun, Pos'yot, Russkiy Island, Slavyanka, Vanino, Vladivostok, Vostochny, Zarubino, Kozmino | July 1 to September 30 |
| People's Republic of China | All ports in northern China, including all ports on or north of 31° 15' | June 1 to September 30 |
| Republic of Korea | All ports | June 1 to September 30 |
| Japan – Northern | Hokkaido, Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima | July 1 to September 30 |

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| Japan Western | Akita, Yamagata, Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa | June 25 to September 15 |
| Japan – Eastern | Fukui, Ibaraki, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Shizuoka, Aichi, Mie | June 20 to August 20 |
| Japan – Southern | Wakayama, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Tottori, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Kagawa, Tokushima, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Oita, Saga, Nagasaki, Miyazaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima | June 1 to August 10 |
| Japan - Far Southern | Okinawa | May 25 to June 30 |

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Respectfully,



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