

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2015/2416****of 17 December 2015****recognising certain areas of the United States of America as being free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire***(notified under document C(2015) 9185)*

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV to Directive 2000/29/EC provide for special requirements concerning the introduction into the Union of certain plant products and other objects originating from certain countries. One of those special requirements is the requirement of an official statement that those plant products and other objects originate in an area recognised as being free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire.
- (2) The United States of America have requested the recognition of certain areas of their territories as being free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire in accordance with points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV of Directive 2000/29/EC.
- (3) It appears from the official information submitted by the United States of America that certain areas of its territory are free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire. Those areas of the United States of America should therefore be recognized as being free from that harmful organism.
- (4) In view of the continued spread of *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire in the United States of America, it is appropriate to limit the recognition of the areas concerned as being free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire to a certain period.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1***Recognition**For the purposes of points 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 of Section I of Part A of Annex IV to Directive 2000/29/EC, the areas of the United States of America listed in the Annex to this Decision are recognised as being free from *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire.*Article 2***Expiry date**

This Decision shall expire on 31 December 2017.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.

*Article 3*

**Addressees**

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17 December 2015.

*For the Commission*  
Vytenis ANDRIUKAITIS  
*Member of the Commission*

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## ANNEX

## LIST OF AREAS, AS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 1

(1) *States being free from Agrilus planipennis Fairmaire*

Alaska	New Mexico
Arizona	North Dakota
California	Oklahoma
Florida	Oregon
Hawaii	South Dakota
Idaho	Utah
Mississippi	Washington
Montana	Wyoming
Nevada	

(2) *Counties being free from Agrilus planipennis Fairmaire*(a) **Counties in Alabama:**

Autauga	DeKalb
Baldwin	Elmore
Barbour	Escambia
Bibb	Etowah
Blount	Fayette
Bullock	Franklin
Butler	Geneva
Calhoun	Greene
Chambers	Hale
Chilton	Henry
Choctaw	Houston
Clarke	Jefferson
Clay	Lamar
Coffee	Lawrence
Colbert	Lee
Conecuh	Lowndes
Coosa	Macon
Covington	Marengo
Crenshaw	Marion
Cullman	Marshall
Dale	Mobile
Dallas	Monroe

Montgomery	Sumter
Morgan	Talladega
Perry	Tallapoosa
Pickens	Tuscaloosa
Pike	Walker
Russell	Washington
Shelby	Wilcox
St. Clair	Winston

(b) **Counties in Arkansas:**

Baxter	Madison
Benton	Marion
Boone	Mississippi
Carroll	Monroe
Clay	Newton
Cleburne	Phillips
Conway	Poinsett
Craighead	Polk
Crawford	Pope
Crittenden	Prairie
Cross	Randolph
Faulkner	St. Francis
Franklin	Scott
Fulton	Searcy
Greene	Sebastian
Independence	Sharp
Izard	Stone
Jackson	Van Buren
Johnson	Washington
Lawrence	White
Lee	Woodruff
Logan	

(c) **Counties in Colorado:**

Alamosa	Broomfield
Arapahoe	Chaffee
Archuleta	Cheyenne
Baca	Clear Creek
Bent	Conejos

Costilla	Mineral
Crowley	Moffat
Custer	Montezuma
Delta	Montrose
Denver	Morgan
Dolores	Otero
Douglas	Ouray
Eagle	Park
El Paso	Phillips
Elbert	Pitkin
Fremont	Prowers
Garfield	Pueblo
Gunnison	Rio Blanco
Hinsdale	Rio Grande
Huerfano	Routt
Jackson	Saguache
Kiowa	San Juan
Kit Carson	San Miguel
La Plata	Sedgwick
Lake	Summit
Las Animas	Teller
Lincoln	Washington
Logan	Yuma
Mesa	

(d) **Counties in Georgia:**

Appling	Bulloch
Atkinson	Burke
Bacon	Calhoun
Baker	Camden
Baldwin	Candler
Ben Hill	Charlton
Berrien	Chatham
Bibb	Chattahoochee
Bleckley	Clay
Brantley	Clinch
Brooks	Coffee
Bryan	Colquitt

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Columbia	Mitchell
Cook	Montgomery
Crawford	Morgan
Crisp	Muscogee
Decatur	Peach
Dodge	Pierce
Dooly	Pulaski
Dougherty	Quitman
Early	Randolph
Echols	Richmond
Effingham	Schley
Emanuel	Seminole
Evans	Stewart
Glascokk	Sumter
Glynn	Talbot
Grady	Taliaferro
Hancock	Tattnall
Harris	Taylor
Houston	Telfair
Irwin	Terrell
Jeff Davis	Thomas
Jefferson	Tift
Jenkins	Toombs
Johnson	Treutlen
Jones	Turner
Lanier	Twiggs
Laurens	Upson
Lee	Ware
Liberty	Warren
Lincoln	Washington
Long	Wayne
Lowndes	Webster
Macon	Wheeler
Marion	Wilcox
McDuffie	Wilkinson
McIntosh	Worth
Miller	

(e) **Counties in Kansas:**

Allen	Jewell
Anderson	Kearny
Barber	Kingman
Barton	Kiowa
Bourbon	Labette
Butler	Lane
Chase	Lincoln
Chautauqua	Linn
Cherokee	Logan
Cheyenne	Lyon
Clark	McPherson
Clay	Marion
Cloud	Marshall
Coffey	Meade
Comanche	Mitchell
Cowley	Montgomery
Crawford	Morris
Decatur	Morton
Dickinson	Nemaha
Edwards	Neosho
Elk	Ness
Ellis	Norton
Ellsworth	Osborne
Finney	Ottawa
Ford	Pawnee
Geary	Phillips
Gove	Pottawatomie
Graham	Pratt
Grant	Rawlins
Gray	Reno
Greeley	Republic
Greenwood	Rice
Hamilton	Riley
Harper	Rooks
Harvey	Rush
Haskell	Russell
Hodgeman	Saline

Scott	Sumner
Sedgwick	Thomas
Seward	Trego
Sheridan	Wabaunsee
Sherman	Wallace
Smith	Washington
Stafford	Wichita
Stanton	Wilson
Stevens	Woodson

(f) **Counties (Parishes) in Louisiana:**

Acadia	Natchitoches
Allen	Orleans
Ascension	Plaquemines
Assumption	Pointe Coupee
Avoyelles	Rapides
Beauregard	Red River
Calcasieu	Sabine
Caldwell	St. Bernard
Cameron	St. Charles
Catahoula	St. Helena
Concordia	St. James
De Soto	St. John the Baptist
East Baton Rouge	St. Landry
East Feliciana	St. Martin
Evangeline	St. Mary
Franklin	St. Tammany
Grant	Tangipahoa
Iberia	Tensas
Iberville	Terrebonne
Jefferson Davis	Vermilion
Jefferson	Vernon
Lafayette	Washington
Lafourche	West Baton Rouge
La Salle	West Feliciana
Livingston	Winn

**(g) Counties in Maine:**

Aroostook	Penobscot
Franklin	Piscataquis
Hancock	Somerset
Kennebec	Waldo
Knox	Washington
Lincoln	

**(h) Counties in Minnesota:**

Becker	Meeker
Beltrami	Morrison
Big Stone	Murray
Blue Earth	Nicollet
Brown	Nobles
Cass	Norman
Chippewa	Otter Tail
Clay	Pennington
Clearwater	Pipestone
Cook	Polk
Cottonwood	Pope
Crow Wing	Red Lake
Douglas	Redwood
Faribault	Renville
Grant	Rock
Hubbard	Roseau
Jackson	Stearns
Kandiyohi	Stevens
Kittson	Swift
Koochiching	Todd
Lac qui Parle	Traverse
Lake of the Woods	Wabasha
Lincoln	Wadena
Lyon	Watonwan
Mahnomen	Wilkin
Martin	Yellow Medicine

**(i) Counties in Nebraska:**

Adams	Arthur
Antelope	Banner

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Blaine	Holt
Boone	Hooker
Box Butte	Howard
Boyd	Jefferson
Brown	Kearney
Buffalo	Keith
Burt	Keya Paha
Butler	Kimball
Cedar	Knox
Chase	Lancaster
Cherry	Lincoln
Cheyenne	Logan
Clay	Loup
Colfax	Madison
Cuming	McPherson
Custer	Merrick
Dakota	Morrill
Dawes	Nance
Dawson	Nuckolls
Deuel	Perkins
Dixon	Phelps
Dodge	Pierce
Dundy	Platte
Fillmore	Polk
Franklin	Red Willow
Frontier	Rock
Furnas	Saline
Gage	Saunders
Garden	Seward
Garfield	Scotts Bluff
Gosper	Sheridan
Grant	Sherman
Greeley	Sioux
Hall	Stanton
Hamilton	Thayer
Harlan	Thomas
Hayes	Thurston
Hitchcock	Valley

Wayne

Wheeler

Webster

York

(j) **Counties in New Hampshire:**

Coos

(k) **Counties in South Carolina:**

Aiken County

Greenwood County

Allendale County

Hampton County

Bamberg County

Horry County

Barnwell County

Jasper County

Beaufort County

Kershaw County

Berkeley County

Lancaster County

Calhoun County

Laurens County

Charleston County

Lee County

Chesterfield County

Lexington County

Clarendon County

Marion County

Colleton County

Marlboro County

Darlington County

McCormick County

Dillon County

Newberry County

Dorchester County

Orangeburg County

Edgefield County

Richland County

Fairfield County

Saluda County

Florence County

Sumter County

Georgetown County

Williamsburg County

(l) **Counties in Tennessee:**

Crockett

Lake

Decatur

Lauderdale

Dyer

Madison

Fayette

McNairy

Gibson

Obion

Hardeman

Shelby

Hardin

Tipton

Haywood

Weakley

Henderson

(m) **Counties in Texas:**

Anderson

Aransas

Andrews

Archer

Angelina

Armstrong

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Atascosa	Comanche
Austin	Concho
Bailey	Cooke
Bandera	Coryell
Bastrop	Cottle
Baylor	Crane
Bee	Crockett
Bell	Crosby
Bexar	Culberson
Blanco	Dallam
Borden	Dallas
Bosque	Dawson
Brazoria	De Witt
Brazos	Deaf Smith
Brewster	Delta
Briscoe	Denton
Brooks	Dickens
Brown	Dimmit
Burleson	Donley
Burnet	Duval
Caldwell	Eastland
Calhoun	Ector
Callahan	Edwards
Cameron	El Paso
Camp	Ellis
Carson	Erath
Castro	Falls
Chambers	Fannin
Cherokee	Fayette
Childress	Fisher
Clay	Floyd
Cochran	Foard
Coke	Fort Bend
Coleman	Franklin
Collin	Freestone
Collingsworth	Frio
Colorado	Gaines
Comal	Galveston

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Garza	Jim Hogg
Gillespie	Jim Wells
Glasscock	Johnson
Goliad	Jones
Gonzales	Karnes
Gray	Kaufman
Grayson	Kendall
Gregg	Kenedy
Grimes	Kent
Guadalupe	Kerr
Hale	Kimble
Hall	King
Hamilton	Kinney
Hansford	Kleberg
Hardeman	Knox
Hardin	La Salle
Harris	Lamar
Hartley	Lamb
Haskell	Lampasas
Hays	Lavaca
Hemphill	Lee
Henderson	Leon
Hidalgo	Liberty
Hill	Limestone
Hockley	Lipscomb
Hood	Live Oak
Hopkins	Llano
Houston	Loving
Howard	Lubbock
Hudspeth	Lynn
Hunt	Madison
Hutchinson	Martin
Irion	Mason
Jack	Matagorda
Jackson	Maverick
Jasper	McCulloch
Jeff Davis	McLennan
Jefferson	McMullen

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Medina	Sabine
Menard	San Augustine
Midland	San Jacinto
Milam	San Patricio
Mills	San Saba
Mitchell	Schleicher
Montague	Scurry
Montgomery	Shackelford
Moore	Shelby
Morris	Sherman
Motley	Smith
Nacogdoches	Somervell
Navarro	Starr
Newton	Stephens
Nolan	Sterling
Nueces	Stonewall
Ochiltree	Sutton
Oldham	Swisher
Orange	Tarrant
Palo Pinto	Taylor
Parker	Terrell
Parmer	Terry
Pecos	Throckmorton
Polk	Titus
Potter	Tom Green
Presidio	Travis
Rains	Trinity
Randall	Tyler
Reagan	Upshur
Real	Upton
Red River	Uvalde
Reeves	Val Verde
Refugio	Van Zandt
Roberts	Victoria
Robertson	Walker
Rockwall	Waller
Runnels	Ward
Rusk	Washington

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Webb	Winkler
Wharton	Wise
Wheeler	Wood
Wichita	Yoakum
Wilbarger	Young
Willacy	Zapata
Williamson	Zavala
Wilson	

(n) **Counties in Wisconsin:**

Rusk

(o) **Counties in Vermont:**

Addison	Grand Isle
Caledonia	Lamoille
Chittenden	Orleans
Essex	Washington
Franklin	

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