

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed amendments made to Chapter 901:5-57 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The rules contained in this chapter establish a quarantine against the highly destructive insect *Anoplophora glabripennis*, more commonly known as the Asian longhorned beetle (hereinafter “ALB” or “plant pest”). The Ohio Department of Agriculture (Department) established this quarantine to prevent the plant pest’s artificial spread in the state of Ohio in order to protect Ohio’s forest, timber and wildlife resources from this destructive pest.

In June 2011, ALB was discovered in Tate Township in Clermont County. This plant pest has no known natural predators and poses a threat to Ohio’s hardwood forests (more than \$2.5 billion in standing maple timber) and the state’s \$5 billion nursery industry which employs nearly 240,000 people. To keep this plant pest from spreading across Ohio, the Department has established a quarantine restricting movement of regulated articles throughout the quarantine area.

The rules contained in this package focus on science-based practices which support responsible agriculture practices while allowing Ohio to continue to grow its vital silviculture industry. The rules have been amended to make stylistic changes which should assist in comprehension of the rule. Substantively, the regulated areas have been increased due to expansion of the pest. However, the plant *Celtis*, commonly known as Hackberry, has been removed from this list.

The hearing will be held on:

**September 13, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.**

**Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Bromfield Administration Building  
Hearing Room 133 (Seminar “B”)  
8995 East Main Street  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.**

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the no change rule package may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the no change rule package, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

**More information on the rule package, including a business impact analysis and copies of the rules, can be found by visiting the [Department’s Administrative Rule](#) page or by visiting the Register of Ohio at [www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us).**



Any person who wishes to present his position, arguments, or contentions in writing, other than at the public hearing, may do so by either mailing his or her written comments to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, c/o Legal Section, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068; by email at [ecomments@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:ecomments@agri.ohio.gov), or by transmitting by facsimile at (614) 995-4585. Written comments sent by mail shall be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written comments transmitted by facsimile shall be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

