

FEDERAL DOMESTIC QUARANTINE ORDER
Removal of Domestic Quarantine for Giant African Snail (*Lissachatina fulica*, formally *Achatina fulica*)

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This Federal Order removes the previously quarantined counties of Broward and Miami-Dade, Florida, from the quarantine for giant African snail (GAS; *Lissachatina fulica*, formally *Achatina fulica*).

This Federal Order is issued in accordance with the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a). The Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States. This Federal Order is also issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) §301.74 *et seq.*

Requirements for GAS were first promulgated in 2012 due to the detection of this exotic snail in Miami, Florida. GAS is one of the most damaging snails globally and is known to consume at least 500 different plant species, including vegetables, fruits, and ornamental crops. It can also vector serious diseases that can affect humans, livestock, and some plant pathogens. Since the initial detection, APHIS partnered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) and worked closely with the affected counties, industry, and other stakeholders to eradicate this pest in Florida.

Based on three consecutive years of negative surveys within the quarantine areas, the APHIS Administrator has determined GAS to be eradicated in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida. Accordingly, the Administrator has determined that a federal quarantine for GAS is no longer necessary in the aforementioned areas. Effective immediately, this Federal Order removes GAS quarantine from Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

For additional information regarding the GAS program, please contact the National Operations Manager, Melinda Sullivan, at (970) 494-7580.