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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF EXTENDING
THE GYPSY MOTH AND BROWN-TAIL MOTH QUARANTINE TO INCLUDE THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, AND TO CONSIDER THE QUARANTINE STATUS OF
AN ISOLATED INFESTATION IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 23, 1945

The Secretary of Agriculture has information that the gypsy moth (Porthetria dispar L.), an insect pest of serious consequence to forest, shade, and fruit trees, and shrubs, and not heretofore widely prevalent or distributed within and throughout the United States, but known to be present as a continuous infestation in the New England States, has been found to be present in parts of eastern New York State into which the insect has apparently spread by natural progression from the adjoining infested areas. The Secretary also has information that an isolated infestation of the gypsy moth occurs in Pennsylvania.

It appears necessary, therefore, to consider the advisability of revising the quarantine on account of this insect (B.E.P.O.--Q. 45; 7 CFR 301.45) to include the State of New York and of prohibiting or restricting the interstate movement from that State or areas therein where the gypsy moth has been discovered of (1) live gypsy moths in any stage of development, (2) trees, shrubs, and other plants having persistent woody stems, including Christmas trees and evergreen decorative plants, (3) forest plant products, (4) stone and quarry products and (5) any other commodities or articles capable of carrying the gypsy moth in any of its stages. Consideration will also be given to the quarantine status of a small isolated infestation of the gypsy moth which has existed in northeastern Pennsylvania for a number of years and where spread of the insect apparently has been prevented by a State quarantine enforced in conjunction with eradication efforts cooperatively conducted by the Federal Government and the State of Pennsylvania.

Notice is, therefore, hereby given that, in accordance with section 8 of the Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912 (37 Stat. 315; 7 USC 161), as amended, a public hearing will be held before the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine at the Hotel Sheraton, Newark, New Jersey, on July 10, 1945, at 10 a. m., in order that any person interested in the proposed quarantine revision may appear and be heard, either in person or by attorney.

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Acting Secretary of Agriculture

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