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APHIS Supports Florida's Request to Terminate APHIS' Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary (FRSMP) Program for Bagrada hilaris (bagrada bug) and Bactericera cockerelli (potato/tomato psyllid)

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The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary (FRSMP) program is no longer active in Florida for *Bagrada hilaris* (bagrada bug) and *Bactericera cockerelli* (potato/tomato psyllid).

If the bagrada bug or potato/tomato psyllid is detected in imported goods, shipments no longer require any quarantine action. Florida will continue to restrict these two pests at their quarantine stations during interstate movement.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (FDACS) Division of Plant Industry has participated in the FRSMP program for more than 10 years. Recently, FDACS determined that the state's regulations and authority protect Florida agriculture, and they no longer need to participate in the FRSMP program.

Under IPPC Standards, *Bagrada hilaris* and *Bactericera cockerelli* are considered pests that are present and not widely distributed or under official control in the United States.

Federal recognition of a State-managed phytosanitary program under the FRSMP Program is consistent with U.S. trade policy and fulfills international agreements while promoting safe trade. For further information, go to the <u>APHIS FRSMP web page</u> or contact <u>lydia.e.colon@usda.gov</u>, National Coordinator for Official Control and The Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program.