

## 2017 Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award: Boeing Mollusk Team

The PPQ Boeing Mollusk Team led the collaboration efforts to mitigate a serious mollusk pest while facilitating trade of regularly imported aircraft parts to meet high volume industry demands. The success of this effort led to the importation of over 65 aircraft wing and tail parts while taking steps that will significantly reduce the pest risk associated with future shipments.

The Boeing Corporation self-reported the initial detection of mollusks on five containers that arrived at their final destination in Utah. Several factors prevented normal chemical treatment and movement for re-export posed a significant risk. In response to this detection, the Boeing Mollusk Team worked to account for the containers on the water as well as those awaiting inspection at the port of Charleston, South Carolina. The Team developed a systems approach to safeguarding and treatment of these containers, recognizing that the climate in Charleston presented a high risk for establishment of this pest. Allowing movement of containers to a temporary cold treatment structure proved the most efficient and effective means of treatment delivery, allowing the imports to continue with minimal interruption to Boeing's manufacturing process. The Boeing Mollusk Team member maintained heightened inspections for several weeks without incident, before returning to normal monitoring of shipments.

After two months, Boeing again self-reported the detection of this pest on containers in Utah. Members of the Team provided assistance and made recommendations to address mitigation efforts to prevent future contaminations. Following this effort, over 30 containers arrived free of pests and Team members were able to reduce inspections back to normal monitoring procedures. This project fostered a strong relationship between Agencies and this high volume importer, which ultimately led to protecting American agriculture.

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