

lumber, and material listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gwendolyn Burnett, Regulatory Permit Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737; phone (301) 734-8758, or e-mail: Gwendolyn.L.Burnett@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Plant Protection and Quarantine program (PPQ) issues permits to persons who wish to import regulated plants and plant products into the United States or to transit regulated plants and plant products through the United States. Persons wishing to import plants and plant products or transit them through the United States must apply for a permit by submitting PPQ Form 585 (Application for Permit to Import Timber or Timber Products), Form 586 (Application for Permit to Transit Plants and/or Plant Products through the United States), Form 587 (Application for Permit to Import Plants or Plant Products), Form 588 (Application for Permit to Import Prohibited Plants or Plant Products for Experimental Purposes), or Form 621 (Application for Protected Plant Permit to Engage in the Business of Importing, Exporting, or Reexporting Terrestrial Plants), as appropriate. PPQ issued more than 3,500 permits in 2004.

The APHIS ePermits system is a Web-based user interface that supports the electronic filing, processing, and tracking of applications for APHIS permits, including plant and plant product, plant pest, animal and animal product, and biotechnology permits. The system is scheduled to become available on a limited basis in the fall of 2005, with a series of expansions to follow. When fully implemented, the system will allow applicants to apply for, track the status of, and receive permits using the Internet.

In order to provide an opportunity for applicants for various plant-related permits to review and comment on the software that has been developed for the ePermits system, APHIS is organizing a public meeting to demonstrate the capabilities of the online interface and the permit application data entry process. We will also provide information on short- and long-term plans for the ePermits system and how

to register as an ePermits user. This meeting will focus on applications and permits for transiting and importing plants and plant products, including propagative material, fruits and vegetables, logs and lumber, and material listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. The public meeting will be held in Riverdale, MD, on August 24, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m., and is scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m.

Registration

Due to space considerations, attendance at the public meeting will be limited to 50 people. We encourage preregistration. You may preregister by visiting <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/stakeholders/workshop2/index.html> or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by August 19, 2005. Onsite registration for any remaining spaces will be held on the day of the meeting from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$2.25 is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center at Riverside. The machine accepts \$1 bills or quarters.

Picture identification is required to be admitted into the building. Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the ePermits meeting.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of July 2005.

Elizabeth Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-081-2]

Notice of Availability of a Document Concerning the Identification of EU Administrative Units

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we are finalizing, with minor changes, a draft document that had been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to identify the smallest administrative jurisdictions within 11 Member States of the European Union that we would consider

“regions” in the event of future animal disease outbreaks. The draft document referred to these jurisdictions as “administrative units” and also reevaluated the administrative units already identified for Italy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Chip Wells, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Regionalization Evaluation Services Staff, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-4356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 21, 2005, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the **Federal Register** a notice (70 FR 20733-20734, Docket No. 04-081-1) in which we announced the availability of, and requested comments on, a draft document entitled “APHIS Considerations on the Identification of Administrative Units for Certain Member States of the European Union.” This draft document identified the smallest administrative jurisdictions within 11 Member States of the European Union (EU) that we would consider “regions” in the event of future animal disease outbreaks. In the draft document we referred to those regions as “administrative units” (AUs). These Member States are: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. We also reevaluated the AUs already identified for Italy.

Comments on the draft document were required to be received on or before June 20, 2005. We received one comment by that date, from the European Communities (EC). The EC was generally supportive of the draft document, however they requested confirmation that APHIS intends to implement regionalization of Member States of the EU to the AU level for other animal diseases in addition to classical swine fever. As stated in the notice, the concept of regionalization to the AU level is not disease-specific and would apply for all animal diseases.

The EC also requested that APHIS identify AUs in the 10 new EU Member States which APHIS would consider the smallest possible administrative jurisdiction with effective control over animal movement and control of animal disease in those Member States. APHIS plans to identify AUs for the 10 new EU Member States as those countries are evaluated. In November 2004, APHIS' Veterinary Services (VS) conducted site visits to Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, and Lithuania, and site visits to Slovenia

and Estonia are planned for fall 2005. Site visits to the Czech Republic and Latvia are currently underway. VS plans to identify the appropriate AU for each of these Member States in the risk analyses that result from their evaluations. At this time, VS has not received sufficient information from Malta and Cyprus to begin its evaluations in those Member States.

The EC also stated that the name of the Swedish governmental agencies mentioned on page 13 of the draft document were not correctly translated. We have corrected those errors in the finalized version of the document and use the proper translations provided by the EC. The final version of the document with those changes may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/reg-request.html>. At the bottom of that Web site page, click on "Information previously submitted by Regions requesting export approval and supporting documentation." At the next screen, click on the triangle beside "European Union/Not Specified/Classical Swine Fever," then click on the triangle beside "Response by APHIS," which will reveal a link to the document.

Done in Washington, DC, this 25th day of July 2005.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee will meet on Friday, August, 19, 2005 at the Skamania County Public Works Department basement located in the Courthouse Annex, 170 N.W. Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA 98610. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to review proposals for Title II funding of Forest projects under the Secure Rural Schools and County Self-Determination Act of 2000.

All South Gifford Pinchot National Forest Resource Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled to occur at 9:45 a.m. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Roger Peterson, Public Affairs Specialist, at (360) 891-5007, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 10600 NE. 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Dated: July 25, 2005.

Ron Freeman,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Administrative Procedures for Processing Appeals Under 36 CFR, Part 215, for Projects or Activities Implementing Land and Resource Management Plans on National Forest System Lands

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of agency directive.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is amending Forest Service Handbook 1509.12 to provide guidance to employees for processing appeals covered under Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, part 215, involving projects or activities implementing land and resource management plans on National Forest System lands. The handbook provides direction on the authority, objectives, policies, and responsibilities of line officers and direction to field personnel on how to set up a notice and comment period, receive and record comments, provide information on decision notification, calculate appeal filing and time periods, process and dispose of an appeal, and instructions regarding the content and management of appeal records. This amendment is issued as amendment number 1509.12-2005-1 to FSH 1509.12.

DATES: This amendment is effective July 29, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Amendment 1509.12-2005-1 is available electronically from the Forest Service via the World Wide Web/Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/im/>

directives. Single paper copies of the amendment are also available by contacting Dennis Roy, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Mail Stop 1104, Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1104 (telephone 202-205-2869).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Roy, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff (202-205-2869).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A proposed rule and request for public comment to amend the rule adopted in 1994 for 36 CFR part 215 was published December 18, 2002. Its purpose was to clarify certain provisions and reduce complexity in the 1994 rule, improve efficiency of processing appeals, encourage early and effective public participation in the environmental analysis of projects and activities, and to ensure consistency with the provisions of the statutory authority.

Approximately 25,000 comment letters were received. All comments were considered in development of a final appeal rule at 36 CFR part 215 and published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 2003 (68 FR 33582). The final appeal rule included changes to address emergency situations; notice and comment procedures and time periods; substantive comments; who may appeal; Deciding Officers; content of an appeal; and the formal disposition process. This amendment to FSH 1509.12 describes administrative procedures for implementing provisions of the final rule.

Dated: June 28, 2005.

Christopher Pyron,

Acting Chief.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800,