

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that a draft environmental assessment has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the proposed release of *Aphelinus rhamni* for the biological control of the soybean aphid, *Aphis glycines*, in the continental United States. We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before June 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0004>.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0004, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0004> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Shirley A Wager-Pagé, Chief, Pest Permitting Branch, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-2323.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The soybean aphid, *Aphis glycines*, which is native to Asia, was found in North America in 2000 and has since become a major pest. It infested 42 million acres in North America in 2003, resulting in decreased soybean yields and greatly increased control costs. The soybean aphid has invaded most soybean production regions in North America. By 2009, soybean aphid was present in 30 States and 3 Canadian Provinces.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to issue permits for the field release of a parasitic wasp, *Aphelinus rhamni*, to reduce the severity of soybean damage from infestations of soybean aphid in the United States.

APHIS' review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed field release are documented in detail in an environmental assessment entitled "Field Release of *Aphelinus rhamni* (Hymenoptera: Aphelinidae) for the Biological Control of the Soybean Aphid, *Aphis glycines* (Hemiptera: Aphididae), in the Continental United States" (August 2013). We are making this environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the heading **DATES** at the beginning of this notice.

The environmental assessment may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the environmental assessment by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when requesting copies.

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 2014.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2014-0014]

Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Interstate Movement of *Allium* spp. Leaves From Hawaii Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk assessment and risk management document regarding the risks associated

with the interstate movement of *Allium* spp. leaves from Hawaii into the continental United States. Based on these documents, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the movement of *Allium* spp. leaves from Hawaii. We are making these documents available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0014>.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2014-0014, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0014> or in our reading room, which is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Lamb, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the regulations in "Subpart—Regulated Articles From Hawaii and the Territories" (7 CFR 318.13-1 through 318.13-26, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits or restricts the interstate movement of fruits and vegetables from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the continental United States to prevent the spread of plant pests and noxious weeds that occur in Hawaii and the territories.

Section 318.13-4 contains a performance-based process for approving the interstate movement of certain fruits and vegetables from Hawaii and the U.S. territories that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely moved subject to

one or more of the six phytosanitary measures listed in § 318.13–4(b). These measures are:

- The fruits and vegetables are inspected in the State of origin or in the first State of arrival.
- The fruits and vegetables originated from a pest-free area in the State of origin and the grower from which the fruit or vegetable originated has entered into a compliance agreement with the Administrator.
- The fruits and vegetables are treated in accordance with 7 CFR part 305 and the treatment is certified by an inspector.
- The fruits and vegetables are inspected and certified in the State of origin by an inspector and have been found free of one or more specific quarantine pests identified by risk analysis as likely to follow the pathway.
- The fruits and vegetables are moved as commercial consignments only.
- The fruits and vegetables may be distributed only within a defined area and the boxes or containers in which the fruit or vegetables are distributed must be marked to indicate the applicable distribution restrictions.

APHIS received a request from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to allow the interstate movement of *Allium* spp. leaves to the continental United States. Hawaii has indicated a specific interest in production and shipment of French chives (*Allium schoenoprasum* L.). *Allium* spp. leaves are currently prohibited from interstate movement from Hawaii to the continental United States.

We have prepared a pest risk assessment (PRA) to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of interstate movement into the continental United States and, based on that PRA, a risk management document (RMD) to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodity to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that *Allium* spp. leaves can be safely moved from Hawaii to the continental United States using one or more of the six designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 318.13–4(b).

Therefore, in accordance with § 318.13–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our PRA and RMD for public review and comment. The documents may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the PRA and RMD by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT. Please refer to the subject of the analysis when requesting copies.

After reviewing any comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the interstate movement of *Allium* spp. leaves from Hawaii in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of our analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will authorize the interstate movement of *Allium* spp. leaves from Hawaii into the continental United States subject to the requirements specified in the RMD.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 28th day of April 2014.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Pima Agricultural Cotton Trust Fund

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) announces that it will accept claims from eligible individuals or firms regarding distributions from the Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund (Trust Fund) authorized under Section 12314 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79) (the Act). FAS is also requesting comment on the burden of collecting this information.

DATES: *Effective Date:* For calendar year 2014 distributions, all claims and affidavits must be electronically filed with FAS no later than June 2, 2014. Comments on this notice must be received by FAS or carry a postmark or equivalent no later than June 2, 2014 for consideration. Comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) portion must be submitted by July 1, 2014 for consideration.

ADDRESSES: Affidavits, supporting documentation, and claims for distribution from the Trust Fund must be sent electronically to the, Office of Trade Programs, Import Programs and Export Sales Reporting Division of the Foreign Agricultural Service to the following email address: IPERD@FAS.USDA.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Trupo at (202) 720–1335, or via email at: PAUL.TRUPO@FAS.USDA.GOV

Background: Section 12314 of the Act establishes the Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States. The Trust Fund is comprised of funds transferred from the Commodity Credit Corporation in annual amounts equal to \$16,000,000 for each of calendar years 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to reduce the injury to domestic manufacturers resulting from tariffs on cotton fabric that are higher than tariffs on certain apparel articles made of cotton fabric. The Act authorizes distributions out of the Trust Fund in each of calendar years 2014 through 2018, payable to: (1) One or more nationally recognized associations established for the promotion of pima cotton for use in textile and apparel goods; (2) yarn spinners of pima cotton that produce ring spun cotton yarns in the United States; and (3) manufacturers who cut and sew cotton shirts in the United States who certify that they used imported cotton fabric during calendar year 2013. Eligible claimants are directed to submit a notarized affidavit, following the statutory procedures specified Section 12314(c) or (d) of the Act, as applicable, to claim a distribution from the Trust Fund. Because section 12314 is self-effectuating, FAS will not be issuing regulations to implement the program this year. This notice sets forth the law and announces applicable deadlines for claim and affidavit submission as well as the address to which claims, affidavits and supporting documents must be sent.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 12314 of Act (Pub. L. 113–79) is set forth below in its entirety, followed by information about how to apply for a distribution from the Trust Fund. Sec. 12314 PIMA AGRICULTURE COTTON TRUST FUND.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND.**—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the “Pima Agriculture Cotton Trust Fund” (in this section referred to as the “Trust Fund”), consisting of such amounts as may be transferred to the Trust Fund pursuant to subsection (h), and to be used for the purpose of reducing the injury to domestic manufacturers resulting from tariffs on cotton fabric that are higher than tariffs on certain apparel articles made of cotton fabric.

(b) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—From amounts in the Trust Fund, the Secretary shall make payments annually