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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2019-0048]

#### Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment for the Release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for Biological Control of Gorse

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment relative to permitting the release of *Sericothrips staphylinus* for the biological control of gorse, a spiny shrub, within the contiguous United States. Based on the environmental assessment and other relevant data, we have reached a preliminary determination that the release of this control agent will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 19, 2019.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0048>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2019-0048, 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-2019-0048> 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) 7997039 before coming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Colin D. Stewart, Assistant Director, Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 851-2327, email: [Colin.Stewart@usda.gov](mailto:Colin.Stewart@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the late 1800s, gorse was introduced into North America from Western Europe. Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) is a spiny shrub found in eastern States, Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii. This plant is most often a pest of disturbed sites in open wild or less-developed areas where management is minimal or non-existent. Gorse's invasiveness is most prolific in the maritime climate within a few miles of the ocean, where sandy soils and rocky outcrops are especially vulnerable to invasion. Gorse's impacts include displacement of native plants, including forest tree saplings, reduction in the quality of wildlife habitats, increased fire hazard, interference in rights-of-way and recreation sites, and reduced livestock forage production.

The insect *Sericothrips staphylinus* was chosen as a potential biological control agent. Although specific information as to the extent of its range has been difficult to obtain, the native distribution of the agent is assumed to overlap with the majority of the range of gorse in Europe.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS') review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed release are documented in detail in an environmental assessment (EA) entitled "Field Release of the thrips *Sericothrips staphylinus* (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) for biological control of gorse, *Ulex europaeus* (Fabaceae), in the contiguous United States" (July 2019). We are making the EA 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 EA may be viewed on the [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may also request paper copies of the EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies.

The EA 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 14th day of August 2019.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

#### Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service (RHS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 21, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Section 515 Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization (MPR) Demonstration Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575–0190.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109–97) provides funding for, and authorizes Rural Development to conduct a demonstration program for the preservation and revitalization of the Section 515 Multi-Family Housing portfolio. Section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) provides Rural Development the authority to make loans for low-income Multi-Family Housing and related facilities.

Rural Development refers to this program as Multifamily Preservation and Revitalization (MPR) Demonstration Program. A Notice of Solicitation for Applications (NOSA) sets forth the eligibility and application requirements. Information will be collected from applicants and grant recipients by Rural Development staff in its Local, Area, State, and National Offices. This information will be used to determine applicant eligibility for this demonstration program. If an applicant proposal is selected, that applicant will be notified of the selection and given the opportunity to submit a formal application.

This MPR demonstration program continues to adjust the various opportunities available to demonstrate effective methods of providing the needed financial resources not otherwise available to current owners and transferees. Using alternative forms of financing, these owners will preserve existing Agency-financed Rural Rental Housing and Farm Labor Housing and extend the property's useful life for tenants meeting RD eligibility requirements. Since the inception of the MPR demonstration program in 2006, revisions and adjustments in the nature of the program have necessitated certain revisions in the context, formatting and use of the original forms in this package to permit RD's ability to provide these needed financial opportunities. To meet current Agency NOSA, regulatory and industry standards, the following forms are being revised, reformatted and/or renamed in some instances to provide clarity and consistency in their practical use and application:

- MPR Pre-Application
- Debt Deferral Agreement
- Restrictive-Use Covenant
- Restrictive-Use Subordination Agreement

- MPR Grant Agreement
- MPR Loan and Grant Resolution (non-profit corporation)
- Restructuring Conditional Commitment (renamed: MPR Offer and Conditional Commitment)
- Addendum to Debt Deferral Agreement
- Subordination Agreement

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals, partnerships, public and private non-profit corporations, agencies, institutions, organizations, and Indian tribes.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 18,701 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Taylor Abens, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (712) 203–5625. Email [taylor.abens@usda.gov](mailto:taylor.abens@usda.gov). All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Bruce W. Lammers,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

[Docket No. ATBCB–2019–0002]

### Advisory Guidelines for Aircraft Onboard Wheelchairs

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Invitation for public comment on proposed advisory guidelines for aircraft onboard wheelchairs.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (hereafter, “Access Board,” “Board,” or “we”) invites public comment on proposed non-binding advisory guidelines for wheelchairs used within aircraft cabins primarily to transport individuals with disabilities between seat and lavatory, which we refer to as “onboard wheelchairs.” The

Access Board is developing these advisory guidelines as technical assistance to air carriers by providing one example of how they might satisfy performance standards for onboard wheelchairs on covered aircraft, which the Department of Transportation (DOT) expects to establish in a forthcoming rulemaking under the Air Carrier Access Act. Even if adopted by the Access Board, these guidelines will not be legally binding on any regulated entity. Whether, or to what extent, DOT subsequently references, incorporates, or adopts these guidelines falls under the department's exclusive authority.

**DATES:** Submit comments by October 21, 2019.

*Public hearing:* September 12, 2019, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Public testimony:* Send requests to present oral testimony by September 5, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** *Public hearing:* The public hearing location is 1331 F Street NW, Suite 800, Washington DC 20004.

Witnesses can testify in person or by telephone. Call-in information and a communication access real-time translation (CART) web streaming link will be posted on the Access Board's website at <http://www.access-board.gov/onboard>. The hearing will be accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system, communication access real-time translation, and sign language interpreters will be provided. Persons attending the hearing are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants (see [www.access-board.gov/about/policies/fragrance.htm](http://www.access-board.gov/about/policies/fragrance.htm) for more information).

*Comments:* Submit comments identified by docket number ATBCB–2019–0002, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [docket@access-board.gov](mailto:docket@access-board.gov).

Include docket number ATBCB–2019–0002 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202–272–0081.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Office of Technical and Information Services, Access Board, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004–1111.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.