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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection—Development Information Solution

AGENCY: Bureau for Management, Office of Acquisition and Assistance, Policy Division, United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID requests public comment on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than February 19, 2021.

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

1. *Web:* Through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
2. *Email:* policymailbox@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument, to Marcelle Wijesinghe at 202-916-2606 or via email at mwijesinghe@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All comments must be in writing and submitted through the method(s) specified in the Addresses section above. All submissions must include the

information collection title. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address telephone number, and email address in the text of the message. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. We recommend that you do not submit detailed personal information, Confidential Business Information, or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute.

USAID will only address comments that explain why the proposed collection would be inappropriate, ineffective, or unacceptable without a change. Comments that are insubstantial or outside the scope of the notice of request for public comment may not be considered.

Purpose

USAID is implementing the Development Information Solution (DIS) Pilot to consolidate reporting, improve efficiencies, and facilitate evidence-based decision-making. The purpose of this information collection is to require USAID contractors and grant recipients who collect indicator data under their award terms to: (1) Submit information to request access to the DIS, and (2) to submit indicator information to the DIS, which is collected under special award requirements unique to each award. In order to request access to the DIS, contractors and recipients of grants and cooperation agreements will need to submit the following information to USAID: Name, contact telephone number, name of organization, *Login.gov* username (which is the address used for *Login.gov* access), award number, award expiration date, the activities for which access is requested, and a signature and date to acknowledge agreement to the listed Rules of Behavior. We estimate that two persons may request access for each award that requires the collection of indicator data.

Contractors and recipients will use the access to DIS during the pilot to submit indicator data and narrative on the deviation between indicator results and targets, when required as a subset of performance reporting under special award requirements. We estimate that indicator information will be submitted to DIS quarterly. As the DIS pilot progresses, USAID will use information from the pilot to inform rulemaking under Regulation Identifier Number

(RIN) 0412-AA90, which will require contractors and grant recipients to submit digital information required under awards through the DIS, replacing other current methods of submission. This information collection request will be updated in conjunction with the rulemaking to capture digital information submission requirements for information collected under other standard award terms.

Overview of Information Collection

- *Title of Information Collection:* USAID Development Information Solution Pilot.
- *Type of Review:* A New Information Collection.
- *Respondents:* USAID contractors and grant and cooperative agreement recipients.
- *Estimated Number of Annual Responses—DIS Access:* 2,368.
- *Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours—DIS Access:* 1,184.
- *Estimated Number of Annual Responses—Indicator Information:* 11,236.
- *Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours—Indicator Information:* 2,809.
- *Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 13,604.
- *Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 3,993.

Dated: December 15, 2020.

Mark Walther,

Senior Procurement Executive.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2019-0040]

Pioneer Hi-Bred International; Determination of Nonregulated Status for Enhanced Grain Yield Potential and Glufosinate-Ammonium Resistant Maize

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that the corn variety designated as maize event DP202216, which has been genetically engineered

for increased yield potential and resistance to the herbicide glufosinate-ammonium, is no longer considered regulated under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on evaluation of information Pioneer submitted in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status, our analyses, and public comments received in response to previous notices announcing the availability of the petition for nonregulated status and our associated environmental assessment and plant pest risk assessment. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination and finding of no significant impact.

DATES: This change in regulatory status will be recognized December 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may read the documents referenced in this notice and the comments we received at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0040>, or in our reading Room 1620 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.

Supporting documents are also available on the APHIS website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/permits-notifications-petitions/petitions/petition-status>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Cindy Eck, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-3892; email: cynthia.a.eck@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (PPA) (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products modified or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests.

Pursuant to the terms set forth in a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2020 (85 FR 29790-29838, Docket No. APHIS-2018-0034),¹

¹ Although this final rule (termed the SECURE rule) published revisions to 7 CFR part 340 with phased effective dates beginning August 17, 2020 (https://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/fedregister/BRS_2020518.pdf), the SECURE rule stated that the petition evaluation process found in the previous regulations would continue to be used for a period

any person may submit a petition to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.

APHIS received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 19-101-01p) from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. (Pioneer) on April 10, 2019, seeking a determination of nonregulated status for a maize event designated as DP202216, which has been genetically engineered for enhanced grain yield potential and glufosinate-ammonium resistance. The Pioneer petition stated that this maize is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and, therefore, should not be regulated under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

According to our process² for soliciting public comment when considering petitions for determination of nonregulated status of GE organisms, APHIS accepts written comments regarding a petition once APHIS deems it complete. On July 25, 2019, APHIS published a notice³ in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 35850-35851, Docket No. APHIS-2019-0040) announcing the availability of the Pioneer petition for public comment. Four comments were received. Two were opposed to deregulating DP202216 maize, one comment was in favor of deregulation, and one comment was unrelated to the petition. APHIS evaluated the issues raised during the initial comment period and, where appropriate, incorporated a discussion of them within a draft environmental assessment (EA).

A second opportunity for public involvement was provided on July 20, 2020, with a notice⁴ published in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 43807-43809, Docket No. APHIS-2019-0040) announcing the availability of the draft EA and preliminary plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) for public review and comment. That comment period closed August 19, 2020. APHIS received two comments. Both comments were in favor of the petition, and neither commenter provided new information or data (for example, peer-reviewed

of time following that August 17, 2020 effective date. This product was evaluated in accordance with that process.

² On March 6, 2012, APHIS published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 13258-13260, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0129) a notice describing our public review process for soliciting public comments and information when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for GE organisms. To view the notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0129>.

³ To view the notice, the petition, supporting documents, and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2019-0040>.

⁴ See footnote 3.

publications or similar science-based literature) regarding the draft EA or preliminary PPRA.

National Environmental Policy Act

After reviewing and evaluating the comments received during the comment period on the draft EA, preliminary PPRA, and other information, APHIS has prepared a final EA, which provides the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts associated with the determination of nonregulated status of DP202216 maize. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act (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). Based on our EA, the response to public comments and other pertinent scientific data, APHIS has reached a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with regard to the preferred alternative identified in the EA (to make a determination of nonregulated status of DP202216 maize).

Determination

Based on APHIS' analysis of field and laboratory data submitted by Pioneer, references provided in the petition, peer-reviewed publications, information analyzed in the EA, the PPRA, the public comments, and information provided in APHIS' response to those public comments, APHIS has determined that DP202216 maize is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore is no longer subject to our regulations governing the introduction of certain GE organisms.

Copies of the signed determination document, PPRA, final EA, and FONSI, as well as the previously published petition and supporting documents, are available as indicated under **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in this notice.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701-7772 and 7781-7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of December 2020.

Michael Watson,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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