

recommendations on the continued use or prohibition of the material exemptions on § 205.605(a) which is Agar-agar and due to expire on November 3, 2008, and Animal enzymes, Calcium sulfate, and Glucono delta-lactone, with their respective annotations and limitations, due to expire on November 4, 2008. The Committee will also present their recommendations on the continued use or prohibition of the material exemption on § 205.605(b) which is Cellulose with its respective annotations and limitations, due to expire on November 4, 2008. Additionally, the Committee will present their recommendation on the development of standards for organic pet food.

The Crops Committee will present recommendations on the materials Potassium Silicate, Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate, and Sodium Ferric Hydroxy EDTA petitioned for use on § 205.601. The Committee will present their recommendations on the continued use or prohibition of Copper sulfate, Ozone gas, Peracetic acid, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List 3—Inerts of unknown toxicity, with their respective annotations and limitations. These National List material exemptions are due to expire on November 3, 2008, from § 205.601. The Committee will also present their recommendation on the continued use or prohibition of Calcium chloride for use as a brine-sourced foliar spray. Calcium chloride is otherwise considered a prohibited natural substance on § 205.602 and is also due to expire on November 3, 2008.

The Livestock Committee will receive the Aquaculture Working Group: Supplement to Interim Final Report on Bivalve molluscs as well as discuss the outstanding issues related to fish feed and open net pens in regards to the aquaculture standards for finfish.

The Compliance, Accreditation, and Certification Committee will present their recommendation on the standardization of certificates, and their recommendations offering guidance for accredited certifying agents regarding annual commercial availability determinations for ingredients listed on § 205.606 and organic seed sourcing by farmers under § 205.204, and on the certification of multi-site operations, including community grower groups.

*The Meeting is Open to the Public.* The NOSB has scheduled time for public input for Wednesday, November 28, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, November 29, 2007, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, November 30, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Individuals and organizations wishing to make oral presentations at the meeting may forward their requests by mail, facsimile, e-mail, or phone to Valerie Frances as listed in **ADDRESSES** above. Individuals or organizations will be given approximately 5 minutes to present their views. All persons making oral presentations are requested to provide their comments in writing. Written submissions may contain information other than that presented at the oral presentation. Anyone may submit written comments at the meeting. Persons submitting written comments are asked to provide 30 copies.

Interested persons may visit the NOSB portion of the NOP Web site at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop> to view available meeting documents prior to the meeting, or visit <http://www.regulations.gov> to submit and view comments as provided for in **ADDRESSES** above. Documents presented at the meeting will be posted for review on the NOP Web site approximately 6 weeks following the meeting.

Dated: October 9, 2007.

**Lloyd C. Day,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0128]

#### Notice of Availability of a Pest Risk Analysis for the Importation of Sweet Cherries From Australia Into the Continental United States and Hawaii

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that we have prepared a pest risk analysis that evaluates the risks associated with the importation into the continental United States and Hawaii of sweet cherries from Australia. Based on that analysis, we believe 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 importation of sweet cherries from Australia. We are making the pest risk analysis, as well as an environmental assessment we have prepared in connection with this action, available for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments we receive on or before December 11, 2007.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service” from the agency drop-down menu, then click “Submit.” In the Docket ID column, select Docket No. APHIS-2007-0128 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “User Tips” link.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0128, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0128.

*Reading Room:* You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room 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) 690-2817 before coming.

*Other Information:* Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Donna L. West, Senior Import Specialist, Commodity Import Analysis and Operations, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; (301) 734-8758.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the regulations in “Subpart—Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56 through 319.56-47, 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 importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into and spread within the United States.

Section 319.56-4 of the regulations contains a performance-based process

for approving the importation of commodities that, based on the findings of a pest risk analysis, can be safely imported subject to one or more of the designated phytosanitary measures listed in paragraph (b) of that section. These measures are:

- The fruits or vegetables are subject to inspection upon arrival in the United States and comply with all applicable provisions of § 319.56–3;

- The fruits or vegetables are imported from a pest-free area in the country of origin that meets the requirements of § 319.56–5 for freedom from that pest and are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate stating that the fruits or vegetables originated in a pest-free area in the country of origin;

- The fruits or vegetables are treated in accordance with 7 CFR part 305;

- The fruits or vegetables are inspected in the country of origin by an inspector or an official of the national plant protection organization of the exporting country, and have been found free of one or more specific quarantine pests identified by the risk analysis as likely to follow the import pathway; and/or

- The fruits or vegetables are a commercial consignment.

APHIS received a request from the Government of Australia to allow the importation of sweet cherries from Australia into the continental United States and Hawaii. We have completed a pest risk assessment to identify pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of importation into the United States and, based on that pest risk assessment, have prepared a risk management analysis to identify phytosanitary measures that could be applied to the commodity to mitigate the pest risk. We have concluded that sweet cherries can be safely imported into the continental United States and Hawaii from Australia using one or more of the five designated phytosanitary measures listed in § 319.56–4(b). Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56–4(c), we are announcing the availability of our pest risk analysis for public review and comment. The pest risk analysis may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the pest risk analysis by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the subject of the pest risk analysis when requesting copies. We have also prepared an environmental assessment in connection with this action which is

available for review and comment in the same manner as the pest risk analysis.

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the import status of sweet cherries from Australia in a subsequent notice. If the overall conclusions of the analysis and the Administrator's determination of risk remain unchanged following our consideration of the comments, then we will begin issuing permits for importation of sweet cherries from Australia into the continental United States and Hawaii subject to the requirements specified in the risk management analysis.

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of October 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### **Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, California, Sugar Pine Adaptive Management Project**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District is proposing to conduct a comprehensive series of treatments centered on a Wildland Urban Intermix area known as the community of Sugar Pine. Strategically Placed Area Treatments (SPLATs) have been initially identified to provide a means to reduce the intensity and spread of wildland fires across the landscape and near communities. Additional treatments within these SPLATs have been identified where forest stands are densely stocked and thinning is needed. This thinning is needed to reduce inter-tree competition and improve tree vigor and increase stand resistance to drought conditions, insect and disease attack. The effects of implementing the treatments called for in the final decision will be studied by the University of California as they relate to fire and fuels, water quality and quantity, wildlife (specifically the Pacific Fisher) and public involvement. Depending on the results of this study, future management actions on other similar ecosystems may be changed. This approach to monitoring and feedback is called Adaptive Management and is a primary reason for the descriptive title.

**DATES:** To be most effective, comments concerning the scope of this analysis should be received by October 31, 2007. Public scoping for this analysis, originally expected to be documented in an Environmental Assessment, began on April 1, 2007. Unless response to this notice raises concerns not yet expressed, the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is expected in November 2007 and the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) is expected in January 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Forest Service at the following addresses. Hardcopy mail: U.S. Forest Service, Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643, ATTN: David Martin. Electronic mail: *comments-pacificsouthwest-sierra@fs.fed.us*. Use Rich Text format (.rtf) or Word format (.doc).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Lemon, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, at Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background Information:* The Sugar Pine Adaptive Management Project (Madera and Mariposa Counties, California) lies within the Fresno River watershed, where during the period before significant Euro-American influence, natural fires occurred frequently and were of low intensity with return intervals ranging from every 5 to 10 years. During the past century, management activities (including harvesting operations, fire exclusion/suppression, etc.) and increased human habitation, have changed the composition of vegetation. Currently, vegetation within the Sugar Pine Adaptive Management Project has changed from one where frequent, low intensity fires occurred to one with increased susceptibility to infrequent moderate to high intensity wildland fire. Forest stand densities are above that which can be sustained, with inter-tree competition increasing and tree vigor beginning to decline. Pockets of insect and disease attack are beginning to show in the stands as well as the drought induced mortality. Non-native plant species and noxious weeds, that were absent in the area, now are growing in small pockets.

The Sugar Pine Adaptive Management Project was originally to be documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA). The Sugar Pine Adaptive Management Project lies within the elevational bands for the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Area. Public concern and management review surrounding the