

Questions and Answers: Bayer CropScience - Double-Herbicide-Tolerant soybean (Event FG72)

APHIS received a petition from Bayer Crop Science in November 2009, seeking a determination of nonregulated status for soybean FG72 which provides tolerance to the herbicides glyphosate and isoxaflutole (IFT).

APHIS is making available for public comment the Bayer petition for nonregulated status, the Agency's draft plant pest risk assessment, and draft environmental assessment for the proposed determination of nonregulated status.

our evaluation and analysis of comments will be considered as the Agency finalizes its environmental assessment and plant pest risk assessment and makes its regulatory determination in response to the petition for nonregulated status.

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Q: What is Glyphosate?

A: Glyphosate is a commonly used herbicide used to kill weeds. When applied to glyphosate resistant crops, it helps control weeds without damaging the crop.

Q: What is IFT herbicide?

A: IFT is an herbicide that controls broadleaf weeds and grasses. It has been used by farmers in the United States since 1999.

Q: Has soybean FG72 been field tested in the U.S.?

A: Yes, it has been field tested in the major soybean growing regions of the continental United States. All field tests were conducted under permits, including strict movement controls, granted by USDA APHIS.

Q: What is the next step following the comment period?

A: After the comment period closes, APHIS will carefully consider all written comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information; any substantive issues identified by APHIS based on our review of the petition and