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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development One Hundred and Fiftieth Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fiftieth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on February 27, 2007 at the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) located at 1307 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is being held in NASULGC's main conference room located on the ground floor.

The morning session will be opened by Mr. Peter McPherson, Chairman of the BIFAD. The first presentation to the Board will cover Transformational Development and Budget Implications for U.S. Universities. This will be followed by a presentation on Increasing the Role of Universities in African Development—New Perspectives. At mid-morning the Board will then host an open discussion to explore the strategic direction of BIFAD for 2007. At noon Mr. James R. Kunder, Acting Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), will join the Board for an executive luncheon. Following the luncheon Mr. Kunder will swear-in new BIFAD members. Title XII implementation will be the focus of the afternoon business sessions. Included will be presentations and discussion on USAID's horticultural development initiative, management of the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), and the Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research & Education (SPARE).

The meeting is free and open to the public; with the exception of the executive luncheon which is closed.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Ronald S. Senykoff, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-085, Washington DC, 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0218 or fax (202) 216-3010.

Ronald S. Senykoff,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture & Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0023; FV02-502]

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request for revision of a currently approved information collection for Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the Market News Branch, Fruit & Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2503 South, Stop 0238, Washington, DC 20250-0238. Comments should make reference to the dates and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register** and will be made available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Terry C. Long, Chief; Fruit and Vegetable Market News Branch, Fruit and

Vegetable Programs, (202) 720-2175, Fax: (202) 720-0547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fruit and Vegetable Market News.

OMB Number: 0581-0006.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2007.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Collection and dissemination of information for fruit, vegetable and ornamental production and to facilitate trading by providing a price base used by producers, wholesalers, and retailers to market product.

The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*), section 203(g) directs and authorizes the collection and dissemination of marketing information including adequate outlook information, on a market area basis, for the purpose of anticipating and meeting consumer requirements, aiding in the maintenance of farm income and to bring about a balance between production and utilization.

The fruit and vegetable industry provides information on a voluntary basis, and is gathered through confidential telephone and face-to-face interviews by market reporters. Reporters request supplies, demand, and prices of over 330 fresh fruit, vegetable, nut ornamental, and other specialty crops. The information is collected, compiled, and disseminated by Market News in its critical role as an impartial third party. It is collected and reported in a manner which protects the confidentiality of the respondent and their operations.

The fruit and vegetable market news reports are used by academia and various government agencies for regulatory and other purposes, but are primarily used by the fruit, vegetable and ornamental trade, which includes packers, processors, brokers, retailers, producers, and associated industries. Members of the fruit and vegetable industry regularly make it clear that they need and expect the Department of Agriculture will issue price and supply market reports for commodities of regional, national and international significance in order to assist in making immediate production and marketing

decisions and as a guide to the amount of product in the supply channel. In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service buys hundreds of millions of dollars of fruit and vegetable products each year for domestic feeding programs, and Market News data is a critical component of the decision making process.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .03 hours per response.

Respondents: Fruit, vegetable, and ornamental industry, or other for-profit businesses, individuals or households, farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18,274.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 218.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 119,512 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

Dated: February 15, 2007.

Lloyd C. Day,
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0157]

Syngenta; Availability of Petition and Environmental Assessment for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Corn Genetically Engineered for Insect Resistance

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of comment period for draft environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period for a draft environmental assessment prepared with respect to a petition from Syngenta Seeds, Inc., seeking a determination of nonregulated status for corn rootworm-resistant corn derived from a transformation event designated as MIR604. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments on the draft environmental assessment.

DATES: We will consider all comments on the draft environmental assessment that are received on or before March 9, 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 APHIS-2006-0157 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-2006-0157, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2006-0157.

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: Dr. Catherine Preston, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-

1236; (301) 734-5874, e-mail: catherine.a.preston@aphis.usda.gov. To obtain copies of the petition or the environmental assessment, contact Ms. Cynthia Eck at (301) 734-0667, e-mail: cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov. The petition and the environmental assessment are also available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04_36201p.pdf and http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04_36201p_ea.pdf

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 2007, we published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1212-1214, Docket No. APHIS-2006-0157) a notice advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from Syngenta Seeds, Inc., seeking a determination of nonregulated status for corn rootworm-resistant corn derived from a transformation event designated as MIR604. The petition has been submitted in accordance with our regulations concerning the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and products. In accordance with those regulations, our notice solicited comments on whether this corn presents a plant pest risk. We also made available for public comment a draft environmental assessment for the proposed determination of nonregulated status.

In our notice, we stated that we will consider comments on the petition that are received on or before March 12, 2007, and comments on the draft environmental assessment that are received on or before February 9, 2007. We are reopening the comment period for the draft environmental assessment for an additional 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments on the draft environmental assessment. We will also consider all comments on the draft environmental assessment we receive between February 10, 2007, and the date of 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 February 2007.

W. Ron DeHaven,
Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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