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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2025–0005]

Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Limited: Availability of a Petition for a Determination of Nonregulated Status, Draft Plant Pest Risk Assessment, and Draft Environmental Assessment for ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)

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 received a petition from Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Limited seeking a determination of nonregulated status for ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis (moth orchid) which has been developed using genetic engineering to produce a blue-purple flower color. We are making the petition, draft plant pest risk assessment, and draft environmental assessment available for public review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 4, 2025.

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

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2025–0005 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.
 - **Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:** Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2025–0005, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 2C–10.16, Unit 25, 4700 River Road Unit 25, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.
- The petition, draft plant pest risk assessment, draft environmental

assessment, and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov, or in our reading room, which is located in 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.

The petition, draft plant pest risk assessment, and draft environmental assessment are also available on the APHIS website at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/legacy-petition-process/petitions>. Search for APHIS petition 25–062–01p.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alan Pearson, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 78, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 851–3944; email: alan.pearson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the plant pest provisions of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, “Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,” regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such organisms and products are considered “regulated articles.”

The regulations in § 340.6(a) provide that 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. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 340.6 describe the form that a petition for a determination of nonregulated status must take and the information that must be included in the petition.

APHIS has received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 25–062–01p) from Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Limited seeking a determination of nonregulated status for ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis (moth orchid) which has been developed using genetic engineering to produce blue-purple flower color. The petition states that the information provided indicates

that ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk and therefore should not be regulated under APHIS’ regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As part of our decision-making process regarding the organism’s regulatory status, APHIS prepared a draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) to assess the plant pest risk of the organism, and a draft environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate potential impacts on the human environment that may result if the petition request is approved.

APHIS’ draft PPRA compared the pest risk posed by the ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis with that of the unmodified variety from which it was derived. The draft PPRA concluded that ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis is unlikely to pose an increased plant pest risk compared to the unmodified moth orchid.

The draft EA evaluated potential impacts that may result from the commercial production of ISK–311NR–4 Phalaenopsis, to include potential impacts on conventional moth orchid production; the acreage and area required for U.S. moth orchid production; agronomic practices and inputs; the physical environment; biological resources; human health and worker safety; and animal health and welfare. APHIS applied USDA’ regulation at 7 CFR part 1b, and APHIS’ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations (7 CFR part 372), when preparing this draft EA.

Paragraph (d) of § 340.6 provides that APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** providing 60 days for public comment on petitions for a determination of nonregulated status. In accordance with § 340.6(d), we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the petition, draft PPRA, and draft EA from interested or affected persons for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition, draft PPRA, and draft EA are available for public review and comment, and copies are available as indicated under **ADDRESSES** and from the individual listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. We are particularly interested in receiving comments regarding biological or ecological issues, and we encourage the submission of

scientific data, studies, or research to support your comments.

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review and evaluate any information received during the comment period and any other relevant information. After reviewing and evaluating the comments and other information, APHIS will prepare a final PPRA and EA. Based on the final EA, APHIS will prepare a NEPA decision document (either a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). If a FONSI is reached, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the modified plant and the availability of APHIS' final EA, PPRA, FONSI, and our regulatory determination.

(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 28th day of May 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a public meeting according to the details shown below. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act, as well as make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest within Alpine County, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

DATES: An in-person and virtual meeting will be held on June 17, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific daylight time.

Written and Oral Comments: Anyone wishing to provide in-person or virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Pacific daylight time on June 10, 2025. Written public comments will be accepted by 11:59 p.m. Pacific daylight time on June 10, 2025. Comments submitted after this date will be provided by the Forest Service to the committee, but the committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All committee meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in-person at the Turtle Rock Park Community Center, located at 17300 State Route 89/4, Markleeville, CA 96120. The public may also join virtually via Teams Meeting: Meeting ID 279 031 159 868, Passcode UT9bH2Bg; or dial in by phone +1 (202) 650–0123, 149706774# United States, Washington; Phone conference ID 149 706 774#. Committee information and meeting details can be found at the following website www.fs.usda.gov/main/htnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees or by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written Comments: Written comments must be sent by email to matthew.dickinson@usda.gov or via mail (postmarked) to Matthew Dickinson, 1536 S Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments to be submitted electronically.

Oral Comments: Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. Pacific daylight time, June 10, 2025, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to matthew.dickinson@usda.gov or via mail (postmarked) to Matthew Dickinson, 1536 S Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Zumstein, Designated Federal Officer, by phone at (775) 884–8100 or email at matthew.zumstein@usda.gov; or Matthew Dickinson, RAC Coordinator, by phone at (775) 884–8154 or email at matthew.dickinson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review and approve projects proposed for funding under the Title II of the Secure Rural Schools legislation;
2. Allow for public comment; and
3. Schedule the next meeting.

The agenda will include time for individuals to make oral statements of

three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should make a request in writing at least three days prior to the meeting date to be scheduled on the agenda. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Service up to 7 days after the meeting date listed under **DATES**.

Please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, by or before the deadline, for all questions related to the meeting. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting location is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation for the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the committee.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Dated: May 29, 2025.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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