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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2025–0022]

Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Federal Plant Pest and Noxious Weed Regulations

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revision to and extension of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request a revision to and extension of approval of an information collection associated with the Federal plant pest and noxious weeds regulations.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before September 22, 2025.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2025–0022 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–2025–0022, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., #AP760, Beltsville, MD 20705.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in our reading room, which is located in 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Federal plant pest and noxious weeds regulations, contact Ms. Natalia Weinsetel, Senior Regulatory Specialist, PCC, PEIP, PPQ, APHIS, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 851–3894. For more detailed information on the information collection process, contact Ms. Sheniqua Harris, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at 301–851–2528 or email: APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Federal Plant Pest and Noxious Weeds Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 0579–0054.

Type of Request: Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Plant Protection Act (the Act, 7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, exportation, or interstate movement of plants, plant products, biological control organisms, noxious weeds, articles, or means of conveyance, if the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction of plant pests or noxious weeds into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The associated regulations that were issued by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are located in 7 CFR parts 330 and 360.

These regulations contain information collection activities that include, but are not limited to, applications, amendments, withdrawals, cancellations, and appeals for permits; petitions to add or remove plant pests to exemption and plant pest lists; cooperative agreements and compliance agreements; consultations; site assessments; inspections; certifications; notifications of intent, appeals, amendments, and cancellations; labeling of boxes, containers, and bags; emergency action notifications; notices of arrival; and recordkeeping. These information collection activities allow APHIS to evaluate the risks associated with the importation or interstate movement of plant pests, noxious weeds, and soil, and also assist with

developing risk mitigations, if necessary, for the importation or interstate movement of plant pests, noxious weeds, and soil.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

Respondents: Importers and shippers of plant pests, noxious weeds, and other regulated articles; owners/operators of regulated garbage-handling facilities; State plant health officials; Tribal groups; and individuals.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 5,667.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 14.

Estimated annual number of responses: 79,136.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 19,537 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 8th day of July 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2024–0001]

Notice of Decision To Authorize Importation of *Phalaenopsis* Spp. Orchid Plants for Planting in Approved Growing Media From Germany and the Netherlands Into the United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to authorize the importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media into the United States. As a condition of entry, *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants in approved growing media from Germany and the Netherlands will have to meet all relevant requirements included in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Plants for Planting Manual and detailed in a bilateral workplan. This action will allow for the importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants for planting from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media while providing protection against the introduction of plant pests.

DATES: Imports may be authorized beginning July 22, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Narasimha Chary Samboju, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, PPQ, APHIS, 1400 Independence SW, Washington, DC 20250; (301) 851–2038; Narasimha.C.Samboju@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in “Subpart H—Plants for Planting” (7 CFR 319.37–1 through 319.37–23, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits or restricts the importation of plants for planting (including living plants, plant parts, seeds, and plant cuttings) to prevent the introduction of quarantine pests into the United States.

Section 319.37–10 restricts the importation of plants for planting in approved growing media, with exceptions. Paragraph (d) of § 319.37–10 states that certain types of plants for planting, as listed in the USDA Plants for Planting Manual, may be imported when they are established in a growing medium approved by the Administrator and produced in accordance with additional requirements specified in the manual.

Section 319.37–20 contains provisions for making changes to the list of plants for planting that may be imported in approved growing media, as well as restrictions for the importation of those types of plants for planting beyond the general restrictions in §§ 319.37–5 through 319.37–11. To initiate a change to the list, APHIS will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice for public comment announcing our proposal to add, change, or remove restrictions on the importation of a specific type of plants for planting. After close of the comment period, we will review comments and issue a second notice announcing the specific restrictions, if any, that APHIS has determined to be necessary to mitigate pest risk. Any changes to the list of types of plants for planting whose importation is subject to additional restrictions, and the specific restrictions applicable to them, will be made to the USDA Plants for Planting Manual and the Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements database (ACIR).¹

In accordance with that process, we published a notice² in the **Federal Register** on November 6, 2024 (89 FR 87999–88000, Docket No. APHIS–2024–0001) in which we announced the availability, for review and comment, of pest risk analyses that evaluated the risks associated with the importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media into the United States. The pest risk analyses consisted of a pest risk assessment identifying pests of quarantine significance that could follow the pathway of the importation of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants into the United States from Germany in growing media, and a similar pest risk assessment for the Netherlands. The pest risk analyses also consisted of a risk management document (RMD) identifying phytosanitary measures to be applied to the importation of

Phalaenopsis spp. orchid plants from Germany to mitigate the pest risk, and a similar RMD for the Netherlands.

We solicited comments on the notice for 60 days, ending on January 6, 2025. We received no comments by that date.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.37–20(c)(2), we are announcing our decision to authorize the importation into the United States of *Phalaenopsis* spp. orchid plants from Germany and the Netherlands in approved growing media subject to the phytosanitary measures identified in the RMDs that accompanied the initial notice.

These conditions will be listed in the USDA, APHIS Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements (ACIR) database (<https://acir.aphis.usda.gov/s/>).³ In addition to these specific measures, each shipment must be subject to the general requirements listed in § 319.37–3 that are applicable to the importation of all plants for planting.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the recordkeeping and burden requirements associated with this action are included under the Office of Management and Budget control number 0579–0049.

E-Government Act Compliance

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to Government information and services, and for other purposes. For information pertinent to E-Government Act compliance related to this notice, please contact APHIS.PRA@usda.gov.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1633, 7701–7772, and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of July 2025.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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¹ <https://acir.aphis.usda.gov/s/>.

² To view the notice and the supporting documents, go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS–2024–0001 in the Search field.

³ On September 30, 2022, the APHIS Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR) database was replaced by the ACIR database.