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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket Number FV-05-308]

#### United States Standards for Grades of Pea Pods

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Reopening and extension of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the comment period on the proposed United States Standards for Grades of Pea Pods is reopened and extended.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by June 22, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Standardization Section, Fresh Products Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 1661 South Building, Stop 0240, Washington, DC 20250-0240; fax (202) 720-8871; E-mail [FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov](mailto:FPB.DocketClerk@usda.gov). 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 and on the Internet.

The draft of the proposed United States Standards for Grades of Pea Pods is available by accessing the AMS's Fresh Products Branch Web site on the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbdoctlist.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheri L. Emery, at the above address or call (202) 720-2185; E-mail [Cheri.Emery@usda.gov](mailto:Cheri.Emery@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice was published in the **Federal Register**, January 24, 2006, (71 FR 3817) requesting comments on the possible development of United States Standards

for Grades of Pea Pods. The proposed U.S. standard would provide industry with a common language and a uniform basis for trading, thus promoting the orderly and efficient marketing of pea pods. The comment period ended on March 27, 2006.

A request was received from a packer/shipper of pea pods, expressing the need for additional time to review the proposed U.S. standard. The packer/shipper requested the comment period be extended to allow them the opportunity to submit comments.

After reviewing the request, AMS is reopening and extending the comment period in order to allow sufficient time for interested persons, including the packer/shipper, to file comments.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0022]

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for a Field Trial of Genetically Engineered Bahiagrass

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that an environmental assessment has been prepared for a proposed field trial using two transgenic grass lines. The trial consists of Argentine bahiagrass plants that are genetically engineered to express resistance to the herbicide glufosinate and resistance to the antibiotic kanamycin. Each of 4 sets of 12 genetically engineered bahiagrass plants will be encircled with a ring of several untransformed cultivars of bahiagrass. The purpose of the field trial is to study the likelihood of hybrid formation as a result of pollen movement from the transgenic plants to the nontransgenic plants. Data gained from this field experiment also will be used to evaluate current confinement

practices for this species of transgenic grass. After assessment of the application and review of the relevant scientific information, we have concluded that this field test will not present a risk of introducing or disseminating a plant pest. We have completed an environmental assessment and have concluded that this field test will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared for this field test.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may read the environmental assessment (EA) and the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) 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. The EA, FONSI, and decision notice are available on the Internet at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/05\\_29402r\\_ea.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/05_29402r_ea.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Patricia Beetham, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, Suite 6B81, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-0664. To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, contact Ms. Ingrid Berlangier at (301) 734-4885; e-mail: [ingrid.e.berlangier@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:ingrid.e.berlangier@aphis.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 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," the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates, 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 genetically engineered organisms and products are considered "regulated articles." A permit must be obtained or a notification acknowledged before a