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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.

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 29, 2020.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by December 3, 2020 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

*Title:* Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE); Importation of Animals and Animal Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0579–0393.

*Summary of Collection:* The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401–18 of Public Law 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) regulates the importation of animals and animal products into the United States to guard against the introduction of animal diseases. The regulations in 9 CFR parts 92 through 98, govern the importation of certain animals, birds, poultry, meat, other animal products and byproducts, hay, and straw. It also contains measures for preventing the introduction of various diseases into the United States.

*Need and Use of the Information:* To ensure BSE is not introduced into the United States, the regulations place specific conditions on the importation of animals and animal products. These requirements necessitate the use of several information collection activities, including, but not limited to, certification, official identification, request for and retention of classification as negligible or controlled risk, declaration of importation, import and export certificates, applications, import and movement permits, agreements, certification statements, seals, notifications, and recordkeeping. Failure to collect this information would make it impossible for APHIS to effectively prevent BSE-contaminated animals and animal products from entering the United States, and to track movement of any imported BSE-contaminated animals or products within the United States post-arrival.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; Individuals.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,225.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting, Recordkeeping: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 292,884.

**Ruth Brown,**

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2020–0098]

#### Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.: Availability of a Petition for the Determination of Nonregulated Status for Insect Resistant and Herbicide-Tolerant Maize

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has received a petition from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. seeking a determination of nonregulated status for DP23211 maize (corn). The corn is engineered for insect resistance against corn rootworm and contains the gene that codes for the phosphinothricin acetyltransferase protein responsible for tolerance to glufosinate-ammonium herbicides. DP23211 corn also contains the gene that encodes for the phosphomannose isomerase protein, which is used as a selectable marker. We are making the petition available for review and comment to help us identify potential issues and impacts that APHIS may determine should be considered in our evaluation of the petition.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before January 4, 2021.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2020-0098>.
- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2020–0098, Regulatory Analysis

and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

The petition and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2020-0098> 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) 7997039 before coming.

The petition is also available on the APHIS website at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/permits-notifications-petitions/petitions/petition-status> under APHIS petition 20-203-01p.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cindy Eck, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-3892; email: [cynthia.a.eck@usda.gov](mailto:cynthia.a.eck@usda.gov). Secondary contact: Dr. Subray Hegde, Director, Risk Analysis Programs, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-3901; email: [subray.hegde@usda.gov](mailto:subray.hegde@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 developed using genetic engineering are considered "regulated articles."

Pursuant to the terms set forth in a final rule published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2020 (85 FR 29790-29838, Docket No. APHIS-2018-0034),<sup>1</sup> 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.

APHIS has received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 20-203-01p) from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. (Pioneer) seeking a determination of

nonregulated status of maize (corn) designated as DP23211, which has been genetically engineered for insect resistance against corn rootworm that consists of a double-stranded RNA combined with a novel protein. DP23211 corn also contains the gene that codes for the phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (PAT) protein responsible for the tolerance to glufosinate-ammonium herbicides and the gene that encodes for phosphomannose isomerase (PMI) protein, which is used as a selectable marker. We are making the Pioneer petition available for public comment and requesting public input regarding potential issues and impacts that APHIS should be considering in our evaluation of the petition. The Pioneer petition states that information collected during field trials and laboratory analyses indicates that DP23211 corn is not likely to be a plant pest and therefore should not be a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As described in the petition, DP23211 corn was genetically engineered to produce DvSSJ1 double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) and the IPD072Aa protein for control of corn rootworm pests, the PAT protein for tolerance to glufosinate-ammonium herbicides, and the PMI protein used as a selectable marker. Agronomic performance assessments for DP23211 corn were conducted in replicated field studies at a total of 12 locations in the United States and Canada. The Pioneer petition states that agronomic performance of DP23211 corn is comparable to the non-genetically modified conventional counterpart and reference varieties and that these data support the conclusion that DP23211 corn lacks weediness potential and plant pest risk.

Field tests conducted under APHIS oversight allowed for evaluation of DP23211 corn in a natural agricultural setting while imposing measures to minimize the likelihood of persistence in the environment after completion of the tests. Data are gathered on multiple parameters and used by the applicant to evaluate agronomic characteristics and product performance. These and other data are used by APHIS to determine if the new variety poses a plant pest risk.

On March 6, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 13258-13260, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0129) a notice<sup>2</sup> describing our process for soliciting public comment when considering petitions for determinations

of nonregulated status for organisms developed using genetic engineering. In that notice we indicated that APHIS would accept written comments regarding a petition for 60 days once APHIS deemed it complete.

In accordance with our process for soliciting public input when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the petition for a determination of nonregulated status from interested or affected persons for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition is available for public review and comment, and copies are available as indicated under

#### ADDRESSES and FOR FURTHER

**INFORMATION CONTACT** above. We are interested in receiving comments regarding potential environmental and interrelated economic issues and impacts that APHIS may determine should be considered in our evaluation of the petition. We are particularly interested in receiving comments regarding biological, cultural, 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 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 our evaluation and analysis of comments will be considered in the development of our decision-making documents. As part of our decision-making process regarding an organism's regulatory status, APHIS prepares a plant pest risk assessment to assess its plant pest risk and the appropriate environmental documentation—either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS)—in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to provide the Agency with a review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts associated with the petition request. For petitions for which APHIS prepares an EA, APHIS will follow our published process for soliciting public comment (see footnote 2) and publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of APHIS' EA and plant pest risk assessment. Should APHIS determine that an EIS is necessary, APHIS will complete the NEPA EIS process in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR part 1500-1508) and APHIS' NEPA implementing regulations (7 CFR part 372).

<sup>1</sup> To view the final rule, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0034>.

<sup>2</sup> To view the notice, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0129>.

**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 October 2020.

**Michael Watson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the South Carolina Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting via web-conference on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. (EST) for the purpose of hearing testimony on subminimum wages for people with disabilities.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** *Public Call Information:* Dial: 800–353–6461, conference ID: 6388666.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Delaviez at [bdelaviez@usccr.gov](mailto:bdelaviez@usccr.gov) or (202) 539–8246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organizations they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference call. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Carolyn Allen at [callen@usccr.gov](mailto:callen@usccr.gov) in the Regional Program Unit Office/Advisory Committee Management Unit. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Program Unit Office at (202) 539–8246.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Program Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACA\\_PublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzmPAAQ](https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACA_PublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t0000001gzmPAAQ) under the Commission on Civil Rights, South Carolina Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Program Unit at the above email or phone number.

#### Agenda

1. Web Conference on Subminimum Wages for People with Disabilities
2. Next Steps
3. Open Comment
4. Adjourn

Dated: October 29, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### U.S. Census Bureau

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Survey of School System Finances

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested

via the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**Title:** Annual Survey of School System Finances.

**OMB Control Number:** 0607–0700.

**Form Number(s):** F–33, F–33(L1), F–33(L2), F–33(L3).

**Type of Request:** Regular submission, Request for a Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

**Number of Respondents:** 3,681.

**Average Hours per Response:** 1.12 hours.

**Burden Hours:** 4,130.

**Needs and Uses:** The U.S. Census Bureau, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), requests an extension with revisions of approval for the Annual Survey of School System Finances. The Census Bureau's collection of school district finance data and associated publications are the most comprehensive sources for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 finance data.

These data are collected from the universe of school districts using uniform definitions and concepts of revenue, expenditure, debt, and assets as defined by Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems: 2014 Edition. This survey and the Annual Surveys of State and Local Government Finances (OMB No. 0607–0585) are conducted as part of the Census Bureau's State and Local Government Finance program. Data collected from cities, counties, states, and special district governments are combined with data collected from local school systems to produce state and national totals of government spending. Local school system spending comprises a significant portion of total government spending. In 2018, public elementary-secondary expenditures accounted for 40 percent of local government spending.

This comprehensive and ongoing time series collection of local education agency finances maintains historical continuity in the state and local government statistics community. Elementary-secondary education related spending is the single largest financial activity of state and local governments. Education finance statistics provided by the Census Bureau allow for analyses of how public elementary-secondary school systems receive and spend funds. Increased focus on education has led to a demand for data reflecting student performance, graduation rates, and school finance policy—all of which are related to the collection of this local education finance data. State