

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>.

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1236; (301) 734-5874, e-mail: [catherine.a.preston@aphis.usda.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04_36201p.pdf) and [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04\\_36201p\\_ea.pdf](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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