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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

*Date:* Wednesday, October 24, 2007 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

*Location:* National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

*ACVFA Working Groups:* The ACVFA has created working groups corresponding to two objectives of the U.S. foreign assistance framework: humanitarian assistance and investing in people. The two working groups will present draft papers with recommendations and lessons learned.

Following this, respondents from the foreign assistance community will provide feedback. In addition, the general public will be given the opportunity to provide comments and pose questions. The working groups' final recommendations will be made available on the ACVFA Web site in early December: [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa).

*Keynote:* USAID Acting Administrator and Acting Director of United States Foreign Assistance Henrietta H. Fore has been invited to address the ACVFA on Transformational Diplomacy and the Foreign Assistance reforms.

*HELP Commission:* Gayle Smith and William Lane, two members of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe (HELP) Commission, a bi-partisan Commission tasked by Congress to review U.S. foreign assistance programs and make actionable recommendations on reform to the President, Secretary of State and Congress, have been invited to address the ACVFA on the Commission's forthcoming recommendations.

*Mission Directors:* USAID Mission Directors from Latin America, Africa, and Asia have been invited to speak about the implementation of the foreign assistance reforms as seen on the ground.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) or with Hannah Kim of the Hill Group at [hkim@thehillgroup.com](mailto:hkim@thehillgroup.com) or 301-897-2789 ext. 124, or with Jocelyn Rowe at [jrowe@usaid.gov](mailto:jrowe@usaid.gov) or 202-712-4002.

Dated: September 28, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0019]

#### Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; Availability of Petition and Environmental Assessment for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Soybean Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to Glyphosate and Acetolactate Synthase-Inhibiting Herbicides

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., seeking a determination of nonregulated status for soybean designated as transformation event 356043, which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to glyphosate and acetolactate synthase-inhibiting herbicides. 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, we are soliciting comments on whether this genetically engineered soybean is or could be a plant pest. We are also making available for public comment an environmental

assessment for the proposed determination of nonregulated status.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments we receive on or before December 4, 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-2007-0019 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using [Regulations.gov](http://www.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-2007-0019, 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-2007-0019.

*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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