

assessment and determined that LLRICE601 did not pose any environmental concerns.

Analysis

Like the antecedent organisms LLRICE62 and LLRICE06, rice line LLRICE601 has been genetically engineered to contain the *bar* gene isolated from the bacterium *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*, under the control of a 35S promoter sequence derived from cauliflower mosaic virus (35S CaMV). The *bar* gene encodes a phosphinothricin acetyltransferase (PAT) enzyme that confers tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate. LLRICE601 and LLRICE62 produce a single PAT protein of the same apparent molecular weight, as demonstrated by Western blotting. LLRICE06 does not produce sufficient protein for the size to be determined by this method. The level of expression of the PAT protein produced in LLRICE601 plants falls between that of the two antecedent organisms LLRICE62 and LLRICE06.

The DNA construct was introduced into the LLRICE06 and LLRICE62 by direct gene transfer, but was introduced into LLRICE601 by *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation. Both direct gene transfer and *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation are standard practices for introduction of genetic material into plant genomes; APHIS does not, therefore, consider this difference significant.

The 35S CaMV promoter is slightly longer for LLRICE601 than it is for LLRICE06 or LLRICE62. APHIS does not consider this difference significant. The promoter in LLRICE601 has been used in other events that have APHIS and FDA approval, and no unusual effects have been observed in those events. The 35S CaMV promoter is among the most common gene sequences used in genetically engineered plants and has a long history of safe use.

LLRICE601 uses the *nos* (nopaline synthase) terminator, while LLRICE06 and LLRICE62 use the 35S CaMV terminator. The function of the 3¹ terminator is to provide a polyadenylation site, a necessary part of the mRNA transcript of the gene. In LLRICE601, the *nos* terminator is truncated. However, the PAT protein is still made, so the truncation does not affect the function of the transgene. The *nos* terminator is widely used in genetic engineering, and has been approved in a number of deregulated products, e.g., LLCotton25 and MON810 corn. APHIS does not consider LLRICE601's use of a different terminator than the antecedent organisms to be a significant difference

because both sequences provide the same function.

LLRICE06 was originally genetically engineered into the medium grain variety M202, and LLRICE62 was originally genetically engineered into the medium grain variety Bengal and has since been bred into other rice varieties, including long grain varieties. LLRICE601 was originally genetically engineered in the long grain variety Cocodrie. APHIS does not consider this difference significant.

Rice line LLRICE601 has been considered a regulated article under APHIS regulations in 7 CFR part 340, and it was field tested under APHIS authorization between 1998 and 2001. Numerous field trials of LLRICE601 were conducted under notification during this time period.

The sequence of the PAT protein produced in LLRICE601 is identical to the sequence produced in the approved cotton line LLCotton25. These sequences vary from the PAT proteins in LLRICE06 and LLRICE62 by a single amino acid at position 2, where the former have an aspartic acid residue and the latter have a serine. APHIS does not consider this difference to be significant because lines corresponding to both versions of the protein have undergone applicable reviews by APHIS and FDA.

Conclusion

Accordingly, we have concluded that rice line LLRICE601 is similar to the antecedent organisms in APHIS petition number 98-329-01p, and we have reached a preliminary decision that rice line LLRICE601 should no longer be regulated under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

We will consider all comments we receive regarding this preliminary decision during the comment period for this notice (see **DATES** above), after which APHIS will issue its final decision. Until the final decision is made, LLRICE601 will remain a regulated article.

Should the preliminary decision be made final, LLRICE601 would no longer be considered a regulated article under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340, and the requirements pertaining to regulated articles under those regulations would no longer apply to the field testing, importation, or interstate movement of LLRICE601 or its progeny.

National Environmental Policy Act

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed extension of a determination of nonregulated status for LLRICE601, an

environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared. The EA was prepared in accordance with (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

The EA may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). The EA is also available as described under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. We will consider all comments we receive regarding the EA during the comment period for this notice (see **DATES** above).

In accordance with § 372.9(e) of APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures, the APHIS decisionmaker will consider the alternatives discussed in environmental documents in reaching a determination on the merits of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the decision regarding the regulatory status of rice line LLRICE601).

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 1st day of September 2006.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2006-0027]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on September 18-22, 2006. The Committee will discuss: (1) Determination of Cooking Parameters for Safe Seafood for Consumers, and (2) Assessment of the Food Safety

Importance of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*.

DATES: The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Friday, September 22, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Subcommittee on Determination of Cooking Parameters for Safe Seafood for Consumers will hold open meetings on Monday and Tuesday, September 18–19, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Subcommittee on Assessment of the Food Safety Importance of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* will hold open meetings on Wednesday and Thursday, September 20–21, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The September 18–21, 2006, subcommittee meetings will be held at the Aerospace Building, 901 “D” St., SW., Room 369, Washington, DC. The September 22, 2006, full committee meeting will be held in the conference room at the south end of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cafeteria located in the South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All documents related to full Committee meetings will be available for public inspection in the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Docket Room, 300 12th Street, SW., Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006_Notices_Index/.

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Internet Web page http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_&Events/. Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for committee discussions, thus, sessions could start or end earlier or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend a particular session.

Also, the official transcript of the September 22, 2006 full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on the FSIS Internet Web page http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/.

The mailing address for the contact person below, Karen Thomas, is: Food Safety and Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Public Health Science, Aerospace Center, Room 333, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the September 22, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas, phone (202) 690–6620, Fax (202) 690–6334, e-mail address: karen.thomas@fsis.usda.gov, or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. Thomas by September 14, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The Charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/.

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides advice to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Richard Raymond, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Dr. Robert E. Brackett, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretariat.

At the subcommittee meetings the week of September 18–21, 2006 the Committee will discuss:

- The determination of cooking parameters for safe seafood for consumers, and
- Assessment of the food safety importance of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*.

Documents Reviewed by NACMCF

FSIS intends to make available to the public all materials that are reviewed

and considered by NACMCF regarding its deliberations. Generally, these materials will be made available as soon as possible after the full Committee meeting. Further, FSIS intends to make these materials available in both electronic formats on the FSIS web page, as well as in hard copy format in the FSIS Docket Room. Often, an attempt is made to make the materials available at the start of the full Committee meeting when sufficient time is allowed in advance to do so.

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Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, in an effort to ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this notice, FSIS will announce it online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2006_Notices_Index/. FSIS will also make copies of this **Federal Register** publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web

page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience.

In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their account.

Done at Washington, DC on September 6, 2006.

Barbara J. Masters,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glenn/Colusa County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Willows, California. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comments, (4) Project Proposal/Possible Action, (5) General Discussion (6) Plan Schedule for the Next Year, (7) Next agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 18, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. and end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Mendocino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. Individuals wishing to speak or purpose agenda items must send their names and proposals to Tricia Christofferson, Acting DFO, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobbin Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, 825 N. Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988. (530) 934-1268; e-mail ggaddin@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements

with the Committee staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by September 15, 2006 will have the opportunity to address the committee at those sessions.

Dated: August 31, 2006.

Paul Montgomery,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-901]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, and Affirmative Critical Circumstances, In Part: Certain Lined Paper Products From the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 8, 2006.

SUMMARY: We determine that imports of certain lined paper products ("CLPP") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value ("LTFV"), as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Final Determination" section of this notice. Moreover, we determine that critical circumstances exist with regard to certain imports of CLPP from the PRC. See the "Critical Circumstances" section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marin Weaver or Frances Veith, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2336 or 482-4295, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

On April 17, 2006, the Department published in the **Federal Register** ("FR") the preliminary determination that CLPP from the PRC are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV, as provided in section 733 of the Act, covering three exporters and producers as mandatory respondents ¹

¹ (1) Watanabe Paper Product (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("Watanabe Shanghai"); Hotrock Stationery (Shenzhen) Co. ("Watanabe Shenzhen"); and

and 27 separate-rate respondents.² See *Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value, Affirmative Critical Circumstances, In Part, and Postponement of Final Determination: Certain Lined Paper Products from the People's Republic of China*. 71 FR 16965 (April 17, 2006) ("Preliminary Determination"). Since the publication of the *Preliminary Determination* the following events have occurred.

On April 13, 2006, we sent a separate-rate verification agenda to separate-rate applicants, Planet International. On April 18, 2006, Planet International notified the Department of its withdrawal from the verification. On May 4, 2006, we sent a separate-rate verification agenda to a separate-rate applicant, Lansheng, and on May 8, 2006, it notified the Department of its withdrawal from the verification. From May 8 through 18, 2006, the Department conducted a sales verification of Lian Li and a factors verification of its unaffiliated producers Shanghai Sentian Paper Products Co., Ltd. ("Sentian"),

Watanabe Paper Product (Linqing) Co., Ltd. ("Watanabe Linqing"), collectively (the "Watanabe Group"); (2) Atico International (HK) Ltd. & Atico Overseas Ltd. (collectively "Atico"); and (3) Shanghai Lian Li Paper Products Co., Ltd. ("Lian Li"). On January 26, 2006, Atico submitted a letter informing the Department that it was unable to participate further in this investigation. As in the *Preliminary Determination*, we find that Atico does not merit a separate rate and will be subject to the PRC-wide entity. See *The PRC-Wide Rate and Use of Adverse Facts Available* section for further discussion.

² Anhui Light Industries International Co., Ltd. ("Anhui Light"), Changshu Changjiang Printing Co., Ltd. ("Changjiang"), Chinapack Ningbo Paper Products Co., Ltd. ("Chinapack"), Dongguan Yizhi Gao Paper Products Ltd. ("Yizhi Gao"), Essential Industries Limited ("Essential"), Fujian Hengda Group Co., Ltd. ("Hengda"), Haijing Stationery (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. ("Haijing"), Excel Sheen Limited ("Excel"), Maxleaf Stationery Ltd. ("Maxleaf"), Jiaxing Te Gao Te Paper Products Co., Ltd. ("Te Gao Te"), Linqing Silver Star Paper Products Co., Ltd. ("Linqing Silver"), MGA Entertainment (H.K.) Limited ("MGA"), Ningbo Guangbo Imports and Exports Co. Ltd. ("Ningbo"), Orient International Holding Shanghai Foreign Trade Co., Ltd. ("Orient"), Paperline Limited ("Paperline"), Planet (Hong Kong) International Company Ltd. ("Planet HK"), Planet International Company Ltd. ("Planet"), Shanghai Pudong Wenbao Paper Products Factory ("Wenbao Paper"), Shanghai Foreign Trade Enterprise Co., Ltd. ("SFTE"), Sunshine International Group (HK) Ltd. ("Sunshine"), Suzhou Industrial Park Asia Pacific Paper Converting Co., Ltd. ("Suzhou"), Suzhou Industrial Park You-You Trading Co., Ltd. ("You You Trading"), Wah Kin Stationery and Paper Product Limited ("Wah Kin"), and Yalong Paper Products (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. ("Yalong"), Shanghai Lansheng Stationery & Sporting Goods Import & Export Co., Ltd. ("Lansheng"), Yantai License Printing & Making Co., Ltd. ("Yantai"), You-You Paper Products (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. ("You-You"), Paperline Limited ("Paperline"), and Shanghai Pudong Wenbao Paper Products Factory ("Wenbao Paper"). Also, Paperline and Wenbao Paper are collectively known as ("Wenbao") and Planet and Planet Hong Kong are collectively known as ("Planet International").