

The regulations in § 340.6(a) provide that 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. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 340.6 describe the form that a petition for a determination of nonregulated status must take and the information that must be included in the petition.

APHIS has received a petition (APHIS Petition Number 13-262-01p) from Dow AgroSciences LLC (DAS) of Indianapolis, IN, seeking a determination of nonregulated status of cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum*) designated as DAS-8191Ø-7, which has been genetically engineered for resistance to certain broadleaf herbicides in the phenoxyl auxin group (particularly the herbicide 2,4-D) and resistance to the herbicide glufosinate. The DAS petition states that information collected during field trials and laboratory analyses indicates that DAS-8191Ø-7 cotton is not likely to be a plant pest or result in weediness potential and therefore should not be a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

As described in the petition, DAS developed DAS-8191Ø-7 cotton using *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation to incorporate the aad-12 gene from *Delftia acidovorans* and the pat gene from *Streptomyces viridochromogenes* into cotton. The aad-12 gene encodes the enzyme aryloxyalkanoate dioxygenase-12 (AAD-12) which, when expressed in plants, degrades 2,4-D to herbicidally-inactive 2,4-dichlorophenol. The pat gene encodes the enzyme phosphinothricin acetyltransferase that inactivates glufosinate.

DAS has submitted information on the use of 2,4-D on DAS-8191Ø-7 cotton to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is responsible for evaluating and approving the use of any herbicides or pesticides on plants, including GE plants.<sup>1</sup>

Field tests conducted under APHIS oversight allowed for evaluation in a natural agricultural setting while imposing measures to minimize the risk 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.

Paragraph (d) of § 340.6 provides that APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** providing 60 days for public comment for petitions for a determination of nonregulated status. 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 GE organisms. In that notice we indicated that APHIS would accept written comments regarding a petition once APHIS deemed it complete.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations and our process for soliciting public input when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for GE organisms, 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. We also request that, when possible, commenters provide relevant information regarding specific localities or regions as cotton growth, crop management, and crop utilization may vary considerably by geographic region.

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 decisionmaking documents.

As part of our decisionmaking process regarding a GE 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).

**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 12th day of March 2014.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Scientific Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C-SAC). The C-SAC will meet in a plenary session on April 10-11, 2014. The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

**DATES:** April 10 and April 11, 2014. On April 10, the C-SAC meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4 p.m. On April 11, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 1:30 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> The roles of the Federal agencies responsible for regulating the safe use of GE organisms is described in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1986 (51 FR 23302). The notice may be viewed at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/fedregister/coordinated\\_framework.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/fedregister/coordinated_framework.pdf).

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

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the C-SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions on April 11, 2014. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Thursday, March 27, 2014. You may access the online registration form with the following link: [http://www.regonline.com/csac\\_meeting\\_april2014](http://www.regonline.com/csac_meeting_april2014). Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Topics to be discussed:

- 2014 Census Test
- Census Internet Data Collection
- American Community Survey: Content Review
- Computational Infrastructure
- 2020 Census Update

Dated: March 12, 2014.

**John H. Thompson,**  
*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-97-2013]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 3—San Francisco, California, Authorization of Limited Production Activity, Phillips 66 Company, (Oil Refining/Blending), Rodeo, California

On November 12, 2013, the San Francisco Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 3, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on behalf of Phillips 66 Company, within Subzone 3E, in Rodeo, California.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (78 FR 69815 November 21, 2013). The FTZ Board has determined that further review of part of the proposed activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized on a limited basis, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14, and further subject to a restriction requiring that all biodiesel and renewable diesel products be admitted to the zone in domestic (duty-paid) status (19 CFR 146.43) and to the standard oil refining restrictions listed below:

1. Foreign status (19 CFR 146.41, 146.42) products consumed as fuel for the refinery shall be subject to the applicable duty rate.
2. Privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41) shall be elected on all foreign merchandise admitted to the subzone, except that non-privileged foreign (NPF) status (19 CFR 146.42) may be elected on the refinery inputs, not containing biodiesel or renewable diesel products: Crude oil (Testing done under, at or above 25 degrees API) (HTSUS 2709.00); hydrocracker feed (HTSUS 2710.19); decant oil (fuel oil; slurry oil; testing under 25 degrees API) (HTSUS 2710.19); alkylates (HTSUS 2710.12); combined heavy uncrackate (light distillate from hydrocracker) (HTSUS 2710.19); combined U250 Feed (ULSD unit feed) (HTSUS 2710.19); naphtha (HTSUS 2710.12); and, pressure distillate (distillate oil with average gravity of 54.8) (HTSUS 2710.12 and HTSUS 2710.19) which are used in the production of:
  - petrochemical feedstocks and refinery by-products (Examiner's Recommendation, Appendix "D");
  - products for export;
  - and, products eligible for entry under HTSUS 9808.00.30 and 9808.00.40 (U.S. Government purchases).

Dated: March 12, 2014.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-24-2014]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 60—Nogales, Arizona; Application for Reorganization and Expansion under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the Nogales-Santa Cruz Economic Development Foundation, Inc., grantee of FTZ 60, requesting authority to reorganize and expand the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.2(c)). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new subzones or "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the FTZ Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a zone. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 12, 2014.

FTZ 60 was approved by the FTZ Board on October 15, 1980 (Board Order 164, 45 FR 70037, October 22, 1980) and the grant of authority for the zone was transferred from Border Industrial Development, Inc., to the Nogales-Santa Cruz Economic Development Foundation, Inc., on September 24, 1993 (Board Order 659, 58 FR 51614, October 4, 1993).

The current zone includes the following sites: *Site 1* (21 acres)—Nogales West Customs Compound, adjacent to the border crossing at 200 North Mariposa Road, Nogales; *Site 2* (7 acres)—North Industrial Park, 1480 North Industrial Park Drive, Nogales; and, temporary *Site 3* (5 acres)—BD Medical, 745 North Target Range Road, Nogales.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be all of Santa Cruz County, Arizona, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is within and adjacent to the Nogales-Mariposa U.S.