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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA); 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: April 12, 1995 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Location: State Department, Loy Henderson Auditorium, 23rd Street Entrance.

The purposes of the meeting are: To examine case studies of recent programs implemented by private voluntary organizations (PVOs) with USAID support; to extract "lessons learned" from these case studies; and to develop recommendations for improving future USAID/PVO collaboration.

The meeting is free and open to the public. However, notification by April 7, 1995, through the advisory committee headquarters is required. Persons wishing to attend the meeting must register with Lisa Douglas-Watson (703) 351-0243 or Susan Saragi (703) 351-0244 or FAX (703) 351-0228/0212, providing their name, organization, birthdate and social security number for security purposes.

Dated: March 14, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 93-026-2]

RIN 0579-AA61

Introduction of Nonindigenous Organisms

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an additional public hearing will be held to give interested persons in the State of Hawaii an opportunity for the oral presentation of data, views, and arguments regarding a proposed rule that would establish regulations governing the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment) of certain nonindigenous organisms. We are also extending by 60 days the period for the public to comment on the proposed regulations.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before May 26, 1995. We will also consider comments made at a public hearing to be held in Honolulu, HI, on April 6, 1995, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 93-026-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 93-026-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room. The public hearing will be held at the following location: Holiday Inn at the Airport, 3401 N. Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Matthew H. Royer, Chief Operations Officer, Biological Assessment and Taxonomic Support, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 4A01, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1228; (301) 734-8896.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 26, 1995, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 5288-5307, Docket No. 93-026-1) to establish regulations governing the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and

release into the environment) of certain nonindigenous organisms. In that document, APHIS stated that the proposed rule appears to be necessary because the plant pest regulations under which the movement of certain nonindigenous organisms are currently regulated do not adequately address the introduction of nonindigenous organisms that may potentially be plant pests. The proposed regulations would provide a means of screening certain nonindigenous organisms prior to their introduction to determine the potential plant pest risk associated with a particular introduction.

In the proposed rule, we announced that three public hearings would be held: In Kansas City, MO, on March 6, 1995; in Sacramento, CA, on March 7, 1995; and in Washington, DC, on March 10, 1995. Since the publication of the proposed rule, we have received requests that a public hearing also be held in the State of Hawaii. In response to those requests, we have scheduled a fourth public hearing, to be held at the Holiday Inn at the Airport, 3401 N. Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI, on April 6, 1995.

As is the case with the tree previously scheduled hearings, the purpose of the hearing is to give interested persons an opportunity for the oral presentation of data, views, and arguments. Questions about the content of the proposed rule may be part of the commenters' oral presentations. However, neither the presiding officer nor any other representative of APHIS will respond to the comments at the hearing, except to clarify or explain provisions of the proposed rule.

A representative of APHIS will preside at the public hearing. Any interested person may appear and may be heard in person, by attorney, or by other representative. Written statements may be submitted and will be made part of the hearing record. Persons who wish to speak at a public hearing will be asked to provide their name and organization. We ask that anyone who reads a statement provide two copies to the presiding officer at the hearing.

The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m., local time. However, the hearing may be terminated at any time after it begins if all persons desiring to speak have been heard. If the number of speakers at the hearing warrants it, the