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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forms Under Review by Office of Management and Budget

June 16, 1995.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) since the last list was published. This list is grouped into new proposals, revisions, extension, or reinstatements. Each entry contains the following information:

(1) Agency proposing the information collection; (2) Title of the information collection; (3) Form number(s), if applicable; (4) Who will be required or asked to report; (5) An estimate of the number of responses; (6) An estimate of the total number of hours needed to provide the information; (7) Name and telephone number of the agency contact person.

Questions about the items in the listing should be directed to the agency person named at the end of each entry. Copies of the proposed forms and supporting documents may be obtained from: Department Clearance Officer, USDA, OIRM, Room 404-W Admin. Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250, (202) 690-2118.

Revision

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR 330 & 360 & 9 CFR 94.5—Federal Plant Pest and Noxious Weeds Regulations

PPQ 525A, PPQ 526, PPQ 526-1, & PPQ 519

Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government; 45,480 responses; 36,383 hours
Althea Langston, (302) 734-7633

Reinforcement

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

7 CFR 402, Catastrophic Risk Protection Plan, Crop Insurance

Application And Continuous Contract And Related Requirements FCI-6, FCI-12, FCI-12-A, FCI-19, FCI-19-A(APH), FCI-19-C, FCI-549, and FCI-553

Individuals or households; Farms; 6,360,000 responses; 1,793,750 hours
Jerry Frank, (202) 690-1324.

New Collection

Food and Consumer Service
Evaluation of the Application of Regulation E to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Systems

Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal government; 40,009 responses; 2,477 hours
Carol Olander, (703) 305-2133.

Larry K. Roberson,

Deputy Departmental Clearance Officer.
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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-007-2]

Availability of Determination of Nonregulated Status for Genetically Engineered Corn

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that Ciba Seeds' corn designated as Event 176 Corn that has been genetically engineered for insect resistance is no longer considered a regulated article under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by Ciba Seeds in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status, an analysis of other scientific data, and our review of comments received from the public in response to a previous notice announcing our receipt of the Ciba Seeds petition. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination document and its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The determination, an environmental assessment and finding

of no significant impact, the petition, and all written comments received regarding the petition 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 those documents are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ved Malik, Biotechnologist, Biotechnology Permits, BBEP, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-7612. To obtain a copy of the determination or the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-7612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 15, 1994, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) received a petition (APHIS Petition No. 94-319-01p) from Ciba Seeds of Research Triangle Park, NC, seeking a determination that corn designated as Event 176 Corn that has been genetically engineered for insect resistance does not present a plant pest risk and, therefore, is not a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

On February 21, 1995, APHIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 9656-9657, Docket No. 95-007-1) announcing receipt of the Ciba Seeds petition and announcing that the petition was available for public review. The notice also discussed the role of APHIS, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Food and Drug Administration in regulating the subject corn and food products derived from it. In the notice, APHIS solicited written comments from the public as to whether the subject corn posed a plant pest risk. The comments were to have been received by APHIS on or before April 24, 1995.

APHIS received 37 comments on the Ciba Seeds petition. Comments were received from farm-related businesses, universities, national and State associations, farmers cooperatives, farmers, individuals, a cooperative extension research center, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Thirty-five commenters either expressed support for the Event