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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Federally owned invention disclosed in Patent Cooperation Treaty Application PCT/US01/45457, "Cucurbitacin-Containing Insecticidal Compositions," filed October 24, 2001, is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Florida Food Products, Inc., of Eustis, Florida, an exclusive license to this invention.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Florida Food Products, Inc. has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural

Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the large-seeded Kabuli chickpea variety designated "Sierra," which is resistant to ascochyta blight, is available for licensing and that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to the Washington State University Research Foundation of Pullman, Washington, an exclusive license to this variety.

DATES: Comments must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's intellectual property rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license

would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Michael D. Ruff,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-008-1]

Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's intention to request an extension of approval of an information collection in support of the regulations governing the importation of solid wood packing material into the United States.

DATES: We will consider all comments we receive that are postmarked, delivered, or e-mailed by May 6, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 02-008-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 02-008-1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to regulations@aphis.usda.gov. Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and "Docket No. 02-008-1" on the subject line.

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.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the regulations governing the importation of solid wood packing material into the United States, contact Ms. Cynthia Stahl, Program Analyst, Port Operations, Plant Protection and Quarantine, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 60, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5281. For copies of more detailed information on the information collection, contact Mrs. Celeste Sickles, APHIS' Information Collection Coordinator, at (301) 734-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Wood Packing Material from China.

OMB Number: 0579-0135.

Type of Request: Extension of approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) of the United States Department of Agriculture is responsible for, among other things, preventing the introduction and spread of plant pests into or through the United States. The Plant Protection Act authorizes the Department to carry out this mission. APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program is responsible for implementing the regulations that carry out the intent of the Act.

The regulations in 7 CFR 319.40-1 through 319.40-11 are intended to mitigate the plant pest risk presented by the importation of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wood articles into the United States. Section 319.40-5 governs, in part, the importation of solid wood packing material (such as pallets or crates) from the People's Republic of China. Under § 319.40-5(g), solid wood packing material accompanying merchandise exported from the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong) must be heat treated, fumigated and aerated, or treated with preservatives prior to exportation. Since solid wood packing material could harbor plant pests, treatment is necessary to help prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States.

These requirements necessitate the use of information collection activities. If solid wood packing material is used

in a shipment, the regulations require the completion of an importer statement and a treatment certificate stating that the solid wood packing material used in the shipment was treated, fumigated and aerated, or treated with preservatives. If solid wood packing material is not used in the shipment, then an exporter document is required stating that the shipment contains no solid wood packing material.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.087 hours per response.

Respondents: Exporters, foreign plant health protection authorities.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 29,000.

Estimated annual number of responses per respondent: 29.3103.

Estimated annual number of responses: 850,000.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 73,950 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of February, 2002.

W. Ron DeHaven,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Boundary Establishment for Big Sur, Sisquoc, and Sespe National Wild and Scenic Rivers, Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, CA

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, is transmitting the final Boundaries of the Big Sur, Sisquoc, and Sespe National Wild and Scenic River to Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Rich Phelps, Special Areas Coordinator (805) 934-9654 or Jim Turner, Forest Planner (805) 961-5752, Los Padres National Forest, 6755 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Big Sur, Sisquoc, and Sespe Wild and Scenic River boundary is available for review at the following offices: USDA Forest Service, Recreation, Yates Building, 14th and Independence Avenues SW., Washington, DC 20024; Pacific Southwest Regional Office, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592; and, Los Padres National Forest, 6755 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117.

The Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301) 1992, designated the Big Sur, Sisquoc, and Sespe Rivers, California, as National Wild and Scenic Rivers, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. The boundaries have been delineated on the appropriate USGS Quad Sheets since 1995 and used for day to day management. Unless changed by Congress, the boundary decision will be implemented ninety days after Congress receives this transmittal.

Dated: February 25, 2002.

Jeanine Derby,

Forest Supervisor.

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