

on whether the subject creeping bentgrass would present a plant pest risk. We solicited comments concerning our notice for 60 days, ending March 5, 2004.

On September 24, 2004, APHIS published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 57257 57260, Docket No. 03-101-2) a notice advising the public of our decision to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) as part of our consideration of petition 03-104-01p. Our decision was based on several factors: (1) Data associated with the petition, (2) a report prepared by the Weed Science Society of America on the weed management implications associated with the potential deregulation and commercialization of glyphosate-tolerant and glufosinate-tolerant creeping bentgrass varieties, (3) our preliminary risk assessment (available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/03_10401p.pdf), and (4) public comments received in response to our January 5, 2004, notice.

Pursuant to the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality in 40 CFR 1501.4(d), APHIS has initiated the scoping process as mandated by National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), beginning with the January 5, 2004, **Federal Register** notice. The comment period for our September 24, 2004, notice of intent closed on October 24, 2004. We are reopening the comment period for an additional 2 weeks from the date of this notice to give interested parties additional time to respond. We will also consider all comments we received between the October 24, 2004, close of the original comment period and the date of this notice.

APHIS has also decided to hold a public meeting to encourage additional public participation in the EIS scoping process. The date and location of the public meeting will be announced on the APHIS Web site (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/brs_meetings.html) and in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Comments that provide information relevant to the scope identified in the September 24, 2004, **Federal Register** notice or that identify other potentially significant environmental issues or alternatives that should be examined in the context of the EIS process would be especially helpful. All comments that we received in response to the January 5, 2004, notice will be included as part of this scoping process and need not be resubmitted. We will fully consider all the comments received in response to the January 5, 2004, notice; the

comments received on our September 24, 2004, notice of intent; and the comments received at the future public meeting in developing a final scope of study and in preparing the draft EIS. When the draft EIS is completed, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing its availability and inviting the public to comment on it. Following our consideration of the comments received, APHIS will prepare a final EIS; its availability will also be announced in the **Federal Register** along with a 30-day public comment period, after which the Record of Decision will be issued.

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of November 2004.

Elizabeth E. Gaston,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) today accepted petitions filed by the Louisiana Shrimp Association, P.O. Box 1088, Grand Isle, Louisiana 70358, for trade adjustment assistance. The association represents shrimpers in the state of Louisiana. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not imports of shrimp and prawns contributed importantly to a decline in domestic producer prices of 20 percent or more during the marketing period beginning January 2003 and ending December 2003. If the determination is positive, all shrimpers who land and market their shrimp in Louisiana will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and for adjustment assistance payments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: November 4, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), re-certified the trade adjustment assistance (TAA) petition that was filed by the South Carolina Shrimpers' Association and the South Carolina Growers Association on behalf of shrimpers and shrimp farmers. The petition was initially certified on November 10, 2003. Shrimpers and shrimp farmers who market their catch in South Carolina will be eligible to apply for fiscal year 2005 benefits during a 90-day period beginning on November 29, 2004. The application period closes on February 28, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon investigation, the Administrator determined that continued increases in imports of like or directly competitive products contributed importantly to a decline in the average landed price of shrimp in South Carolina by 40.9 percent during the 2003 marketing period (January-December 2003), compared to the 1997-2001 base period. Eligible producers may request technical assistance from the Extension Service at no cost and receive an adjustment assistance payment, if certain program criteria are satisfied. Producers in fiscal year 2005 who did not receive technical assistance under the fiscal year 2004 TAA program must obtain the technical assistance from the Extension Service by May 31, 2005, in order to be eligible for financial payments.

Producers of raw agricultural commodities wishing to learn more about TAA and how they may apply should contact the Department of Agriculture at the addresses provided below for General Information.

Producers Certified as Eligible for TAA, Contact: Farm Service Agency service centers.

For General Information About TAA, Contact: Jean-Louis Pajot, Coordinator, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-2916, e-mail: trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Dated: November 8, 2004.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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