

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of November 2007.

**Kevin Shea,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No: APHIS-2007-0118]

#### Imported Fire Ant; Availability of an Environmental Assessment

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that a draft environmental assessment has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the proposed release into areas quarantined for imported fire ant of five additional species of phorid flies for use as biological control agents. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

**DATES:** We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "Submit." In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2007-0118 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0118, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0118.

*Reading Room:* You may read any comments that we receive on the environmental assessment 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.

*Other information:* Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles L. Brown, Imported Fire Ant Quarantine Program Manager, Pest Detection and Management Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4838.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta* Buren, *Solenopsis richteri* Forel, and hybrids of these species) is an aggressive, stinging insect that, in large numbers, can seriously injure and even kill livestock, pets, and humans. The imported fire ant, which is not native to the United States, feeds on crops and builds large, hard mounds that damage farm and field machinery. The imported fire ant regulations (contained in 7 CFR 301.81 through 301.81-10 and referred to below as the regulations) are intended to prevent the imported fire ant from spreading throughout its ecological range within the country. The regulations quarantine infested States or infested areas within States and restrict the interstate movement of regulated articles to prevent the artificial spread of the imported fire ant.

In addition to the movement restrictions in the regulations, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and its State cooperators release phorid flies (*Pseudacteon* species), a natural enemy of the imported fire ant, into quarantined areas. These flies parasitize the imported fire ant, killing those that are parasitized. Those ants that are not parasitized are affected behaviorally by the presence of the flies because their presence reduces fire ant foraging. A decrease in foraging activity facilitates competition from native fire ants that might otherwise be excluded from food sources in fire ant territory.

Currently, APHIS uses three species of phorid flies (*Pseudacteon curvatus*, *P. litoralis*, and *P. tricuspis*) as biological control agents. We are now proposing to release five more species (*P. cultellatus*, *P. nocens*, *P. nudicornis*, *P. obtusus*, and *P. sp. near obtusus*) into areas

quarantined for imported fire ant within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the following States: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with releasing these additional species of phorid flies into the environment, we have prepared a draft environmental assessment entitled "Field Release of Phorid Flies (*Pseudacteon* species) for the Biological Control of Imported Fire Ants" (July 2007).

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-351-840]

#### Certain Orange Juice from Brazil; Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 13, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Eastwood, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3874.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On April 27, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order

on certain orange juice from Brazil. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 72 FR 20986 (Apr. 27, 2007). The period of review is August 24, 2005, through February 28, 2007, and the preliminary results are currently due no later than December 3, 2007. The review covers three producers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States.

#### Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act because of technical issues contained in supplemental questionnaire responses. Analysis of these issues requires additional time. Therefore, we have fully extended the deadline for completing the preliminary results until March 31, 2008, the next business day after 365 days from the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The deadline for the final results of the review continues to be 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 5, 2007.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Pub. L. 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent

scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States. Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be postmarked on or before December 3, 2007. Address written comments to Statutory Import Programs Staff, Room 2104, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Room 2104.

Docket Number: 07-062. Applicant: Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific Northwest Division, 902 Battelle Blvd., Richland, WA 99354. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model FIB/SEM. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for all science disciplines from biological to material science samples. The Environmental Molecular Science Laboratory, where the instrument will be housed, is a National Scientific User Facility and any scientist may use the laboratory and this instrument for free as long as they agree to publish their findings. The instrument will be used to support the ongoing science of interfacial phenomena, nanotechnology and catalysts interaction, along with other studies. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 26, 2007.

Docket Number: 07-063. Applicant: University of California San Diego, National Center for Microscopy and Image Research, 9500 Gilman Drive, MC 0608, Basic Science Building, Room 1000, La Jolla, CA 92093-0608.

Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Titan 80-300 C-Twin STEM. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study biological specimens prepared for electron microscopic imaging and involves the elucidation of the 3D structural information of target materials. Project investigations span basic and translational science, including neuroscience, neurodegenerative diseases, heart disease, stroke, etc. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: November 2, 2007.

Docket Number: 07-066. Applicant: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 North Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Tecnai G<sup>2</sup> F20 TWIN. Manufacturer: FEI Company, Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to study the intracellular components of biological samples obtained from mice, rats, cell cultures, viruses, bacteria and

particulate material. The study will perform experiments using genetically altered mice and rats to better understand the mechanism involved in cancer at the intracellular level.

Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 29, 2007. Docket Number: 07-067. Applicant: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2100F. Manufacturer: Jeol Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for multiple research projects throughout the Institute. Applications include analysis of asbestos and other fiber types, nanotechnology-related materials (e.g., carbon nanotubes and fibers, tungsten fibers, metal oxides), aerosol research, ultrafine particles emissions, general support for laboratory and field research, methods development, and evaluation of engineering controls and personal protective equipment. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: October 30, 2007.

Dated: November 6, 2007.

**Faye Robinson,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C-570-911]

#### Circular Welded Carbon Quality Steel Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination; Preliminary Affirmative Determination of Critical Circumstances; and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of circular welded carbon quality steel pipe from the People's Republic of China. For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice. The Department further determines preliminarily that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of the subject merchandise. This notice also serves to align the final countervailing duty determination in this investigation