

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of January 2014. .

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2013-0095]

Notice of Availability of a Treatment Evaluation Document for Methyl Bromide Treatment for Kumquat

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have determined that it is necessary to immediately add to the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual a treatment schedule for methyl bromide fumigation of kumquats to control certain fruit flies. We have prepared a treatment evaluation document that describes the new treatment schedule and explains why we have determined that it is effective at neutralizing fruit flies. We are making this treatment evaluation document available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 31, 2014.

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

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0095-0001>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2013-0095, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2013-0095> or in our reading room, which 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) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marc Phillips, Senior Regulatory Policy

Specialist with Regulations, Permits and Manuals, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 135, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-2114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR chapter III are intended, among other things, to prevent the introduction or dissemination of plant pests and noxious weeds into or within the United States. Under the regulations, certain plants, fruits, vegetables, and other articles must be treated before they may be moved into the United States or interstate. The phytosanitary treatments regulations contained in part 305 of 7 CFR chapter III (referred to below as the regulations) set out standards for treatments required in parts 301, 318, and 319 of 7 CFR chapter III for fruits, vegetables, and other articles.

In § 305.2, paragraph (b) states that approved treatment schedules are set out in the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Treatment Manual.¹ Section 305.3 sets out a process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules in the PPQ Treatment Manual. In that section, paragraph (b) sets out the process for adding, revising, or removing treatment schedules when there is an immediate need to make a change. The circumstances in which an immediate need exists are described in § 305.3(b)(1). They are:

- PPQ has determined that an approved treatment schedule is ineffective at neutralizing the targeted plant pest(s).
- PPQ has determined that, in order to neutralize the targeted plant pest(s), the treatment schedule must be administered using a different process than was previously used.
- PPQ has determined that a new treatment schedule is effective, based on efficacy data, and that ongoing trade in a commodity or commodities may be adversely impacted unless the new treatment schedule is approved for use.
- The use of a treatment schedule is no longer authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or by any other Federal entity.

We have determined that a new methyl bromide fumigation treatment schedule to control the fruit flies *Ceratitis capitata* and *Anastrepha fraterculus* on kumquat (*Fortunella japonica*) is effective, and we have determined that ongoing trade in kumquat will be adversely impacted

¹The Treatment Manual is available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/index.shtml or by contacting the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Manuals Unit, 92 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 200, Frederick, MD 21702.

unless the new treatment is approved for use.

On July 10, 2013, we published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 41259-41265, Docket No. APHIS-2011-0060) a rule² to amend the regulations to allow the importation of several species of fresh citrus and *Citrus* hybrids (“citrus fruit”), including kumquat, from Uruguay into the continental United States under certain conditions. Under § 319.56-59, citrus fruit other than lemons must be treated in accordance with part 305, and lemons may be imported without treatment if harvested green between May 15 and August 31; otherwise, lemons must be treated as well.

Currently, there are cold treatment schedules listed in the PPQ Treatment Manual to mitigate the risk of fruit flies on many citrus varieties, but there is currently no treatment available for kumquat from Uruguay.

Therefore, in accordance with § 305.3(b)(2), we have determined that it is necessary to immediately add a new treatment schedule for kumquat in the PPQ Treatment Manual. Based on existing treatments of several citrus commodities to control *C. capitata* and *A. fraterculus*, we are adding a new treatment schedule, T101-n-3, to treat kumquat for *C. capitata* and *A. fraterculus* when imported into the United States from countries that are authorized to export kumquat to the United States. The addition of the methyl bromide treatment for kumquat will ensure adequate quarantine security from fruit flies, and resolve the inconsistency inherent in § 319.56-59 that lists kumquat as a fruit that may be imported into the continental United States if treated in accordance with part 305 for *C. capitata* and *A. fraterculus*.

This treatment schedule will be listed in a separate section of the PPQ Treatment Manual, which will indicate that T101-n-3 was added through the immediate process described in § 305.3(b) and that is subject to change or removal based on public comment.

The reasons for this revision are described in a treatment evaluation document (TED) we have prepared to support this action. The TED may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room. You may also request paper copies of the TED by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

We are also announcing that we have prepared a finding of no significant

²To view the rule and supporting documents, including the environmental assessment, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0060>.

impact (FONSI) for this action. The FONSI, which is based on the environmental assessment (EA) prepared for the rulemaking that led to our July 2013 final rule, documents our conclusion that the importation of kumquats from Uruguay under the conditions prescribed in our July 2013 final rule, including treatment in accordance with the PPQ Treatment Manual, will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

The EA and FONSI were 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 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

After reviewing the comments we receive, we will announce our decision regarding the new treatment schedule that is described in the TED in a subsequent notice, in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of § 305.3. If we do not receive any comments, or the comments we receive do not change our determination that the treatment is effective, we will affirm the treatment schedule's addition to the PPQ Treatment Manual and make available a new version of the PPQ Treatment Manual in which T101-n-3 is listed in the main body of the manual. If we receive comments that lead us to determine that T101-n-3 needs to be changed or removed, we will make available a new version of the PPQ Treatment Manual that reflects the changes to or the removal of treatment schedule T101-n-3.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 21 U.S.C. 136 and 136a; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Forestry Research Advisory Council (FRAC) will meet in Washington, DC. The Council is required by Section 1441 of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, *et seq.*), commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice relative to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 20 and 21, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Forest Service International Programs office located at 1 Thomas Circle, Suite 400, Washington, DC. Written comments may be submitted as described under Supplementary Information. All comments, including names and addresses, when provided, are placed in the record and available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the USDA Forest Service—Washington Office. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 202–205–1665 to facilitate entry into the USDA Forest Service building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daina Apple, USDA Forest Service, Office of the Deputy Chief for Research and Development, by phone at 202–205–1665. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current and emerging forestry and natural resource research issues. The discussion is limited to the Forest Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture staff and Council members; however, persons who wish to bring forestry research matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Written comments concerning this meeting should be addressed to Daina Apple, Designated Federal Officer, Forestry Research Advisory Council, USDA Forest Service, Office of Research and Development, Mail Stop 1120, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250–1120, by February 14, 2014. Comments may

also be sent via facsimile to 202–205–1530.

Meeting Accommodations: If you require sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation, please request this in advance of the meeting by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodations requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

Carlos Rodriguez-Franco,

Associate Deputy Chief, for Research and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Nonfederal Government Individuals Who Are Candidates to Conduct Peer Reviews.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0567.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection)

Number of Respondents: 321.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 161.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved collection.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued government-wide guidance to enhance the practice of peer review of government science documents. OMB's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review ("Peer Review Bulletin" or PRB) (available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2005/m05-03.pdf>) establishes minimum peer review standards for influential scientific information that Federal agencies intend to disseminate.

The Peer Review Bulletin also directs Federal agencies to adopt or adapt the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) policy for evaluating conflicts of interest when selecting peer reviewers who are