

the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2012, (77 FR 41363–41364, Docket No. APHIS–2012–0028), APHIS announced the availability of the BASF petition for public comment. APHIS solicited comments on the petition for 60 days ending on September 11, 2012, in order to help identify potential environmental and interrelated economic issues and impacts that APHIS may determine should be considered in our evaluation of the petition.

APHIS received 75 comments on the petition. Several of these comments included electronic attachments consisting of a consolidated document of many identical or nearly identical letters, for a total of 4,676 comments. Issues raised during the comment period include the nature of agronomic inputs, such as fertilizer and pesticide applications, associated with this new trait; effects of herbicide use, including potential impacts to plants from off-target herbicide drift, management of herbicide-resistant weeds, and human health considerations from exposure to herbicides; and domestic and international economic impacts associated with the development and marketing of a new herbicide-resistant product. APHIS has evaluated the issues raised during the comment period and, where appropriate, has provided a discussion of these issues in our environmental assessment (EA).

After public comments are received on a completed petition, APHIS evaluates those comments and then provides a second opportunity for public involvement in our decisionmaking process. According to our public review process (see footnote 1), the second opportunity for public involvement follows one of two approaches, as described below.

If APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves a GE organism that raises no substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 1 for public involvement. Under Approach 1, APHIS announces in the **Federal Register** the availability of APHIS' preliminary regulatory determination along with its EA, preliminary finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and its plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) for a 30-day public review period. APHIS will evaluate any information received related to the petition and its supporting documents during the 30-day public review period.

Alternatively, if APHIS decides, based on its review of the petition and its evaluation and analysis of comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the petition, that the petition involves a GE organism that raises substantive new issues, APHIS will follow Approach 2. Under Approach 2, APHIS first solicits written comments from the public on a draft EA and PPRA for a 30-day comment period through the publication of a **Federal Register** notice. Then, after reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the PPRA as necessary and prepare a final EA and, based on the final EA, a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). For this petition, we are using Approach 2.

APHIS has prepared a PPRA to determine if soybean event BPS–CV127–9 is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk. In section 403 of the Plant Protection Act, “plant pest” is defined as any living stage of any of the following that can directly or indirectly injure, cause damage to, or cause disease in any plant or plant product: A protozoan, a nonhuman animal, a parasitic plant, a bacterium, a fungus, a virus or viroid, an infectious agent or other pathogen, or any article similar to or allied with any of the foregoing.

APHIS has also prepared a draft EA in which we present two alternatives based on our analysis of data submitted by BASF, a review of other scientific data, field tests conducted under APHIS oversight, and comments received on the petition. APHIS is considering the following alternatives: (1) Take no action, i.e., APHIS would not change the regulatory status of soybean event BPS–CV127–9 and it would continue to be a regulated article, or (2) make a determination of nonregulated status of soybean event BPS–CV127–9.

The EA was prepared in accordance with (1) 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).

In accordance with our process for soliciting public input when considering petitions for determinations of nonregulated status for GE organisms, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments on our PPRA and

draft EA regarding the petition for a determination of nonregulated status from interested or affected persons for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice. Copies of the PPRA and draft EA, as well as the previously published petition, are available as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** and **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** sections of this notice.

As indicated previously, after the comment period closes, APHIS will review all written comments received during the comment period and any other relevant information. After reviewing and evaluating the comments on the draft EA and PPRA and other information, APHIS will revise the PPRA as necessary and prepare a final EA. Based on the final EA, APHIS will prepare a NEPA decision document (either a FONSI or a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement). If a FONSI is reached, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving or denying the petition. APHIS will also publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the GE organism and the availability of APHIS' final EA, PPRA, FONSI, and our regulatory determination.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3.

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of November 2013.

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Business Meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 15, 2013; 9:30 a.m. EST.

PLACE: 1331 Pennsylvania Ave NW., Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Office of General Counsel Ethics Training: Expiration of Appointments and Applicable Ethics Rules
- III. Program Planning
 - Review and Vote on the Proposed Eminent Domain Findings & Recommendations
 - Discussion and Vote on the “Civil

Rights Effects of Regulatory and Other Barriers to Small Businesses”

- Update on Status of the “Civil Rights Implications of Eminent Domain Abuse” report
 - Update on Status of the “Assessing the Impact of Criminal Background Checks and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s Conviction Records Policy” report
 - Discussion and Vote on the 2014 Statutory Enforcement Report topic
 - Discussion and Vote to schedule two briefings for 2014: the Statutory Enforcement Report Topic and the “Enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act Online”
 - Results of the telephonic vote held on July 21, 2013 re: the Findings and Recommendations for the 2013 Statutory Enforcement Report
 - Proposals for the Commemoration of the 13th and 14th Amendments
 - Consideration of the inquiry letter to the Department of Defense on behalf of Sikh military members
- IV. Management and Operations
- Staff Director’s Report
- V. Adjourn Meeting

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Person for Further Information:
 Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief,
 Public Affairs Unit (202) 376–8591.
 Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact Pamela Dunston at (202) 376–8105 or at signlanguage@usccr.gov at least seven business days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Dated: November 4, 2013.

David Mussatt,

Acting RPCU Chief.

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ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm’s workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE [10/18/2013 through 10/31/2013]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Futura Industries Corporation	Freeport Center Bldg H–11, Clearfield, UT 84016.	10/29/2013	The firm is a manufacturer of extruded aluminum framing systems.
Iffel International, Inc.	14041 Rosecrans Avenue, La Mirada, CT 90638.	10/29/2013	The firm is a full service marketing firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA’s regulations at 13 CFR 315.9 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

Michael DeVillo,
Eligibility Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–998, C–570–999]

Notice of Extension of the Deadline for Determining the Adequacy of the Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Petitions: 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane From the People’s Republic of China

AGENCY: Enforcement & Compliance, formerly Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 7, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Frances Veith or Katie Marksberry, AD/CVD Operations, Office V, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230;

telephone: (202) 482–4295 or (202) 482–7906, respectively.

Extension of Initiation of Investigations The Petitions

On October 22, 2013, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) received an antidumping duty and countervailing duty petition filed by Mexichem Fluor, Inc. (“Petitioner”) on behalf of the domestic industry producing 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane.¹

Determination of Industry Support for the Petitions

Sections 702(b)(1) and 732(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“Act”), require that a petition be filed by or on behalf of the domestic industry. Sections 702(c)(4)(A) and 732(c)(4)(A) of the Act provide that the Department’s industry support determination be based on whether a minimum

¹ See *Antidumping Duty Petition on 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane from the People’s Republic of China* (October 22, 2013) (Petition).