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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: USDA–2021–0006]

Identifying Barriers in USDA Programs and Services; Advancing Racial Justice and Equity and Support for Underserved Communities at USDA

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Request for information; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our notice seeking input from the public on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can advance racial justice and equity for underserved communities as part of its implementation of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

DATES: The comment period of the request for information published June 16, 2021, at 86 FR 32013, is extended until August 14, 2021. To be assured of consideration, comments must be received on or before August 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice may be submitted online via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for the Docket number USDA–2021–0006. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. All comments received will be posted without change and publicly available on www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Archuleta, Director, USDA Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs, telephone: 202–720–7095, email: EquityRFI@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 16, 2021, we published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 32013, Docket No. USDA–2021–0006) a notice seeking input from the public on how USDA can advance racial justice and equity for underserved communities as part of its implementation of Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government.

Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before July 15, 2021. We are extending the comment period on Docket No. USDA–2021–0006 until August 14, 2021. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

Lisa Ramirez,

Director, Office of Partnerships & Public Engagement, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2020–0036]

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Release of *Ramularia crupinae* for Biological Control of Common Crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) in the Contiguous United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have prepared a final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to permitting the release of *Ramularia crupinae* for the biological control of common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) in the contiguous United States. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Colin D. Stewart, Assistant Director, Pests, Pathogens, and Biocontrol Permits, Permitting and Compliance Coordination, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–

1231; (301) 851–2327; email: Colin.Stewart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing permits for the release of *Ramularia crupinae*, into the contiguous United States for the biological control of common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*).

Common crupina, a winter annual, is spreading in pastures and rangelands resulting in a reduction in quality of forage as it displaces other species in the northwestern United States; it is a native of Eurasia, most likely originating in the Middle East. Common crupina may grow from 0.3 to 1.0 meter in height, having inconspicuous flowers ranging from lavender to purple, as well as rosettes that develop through the fall and winter.

Ramularia crupinae, a leaf-spotting fungus, was chosen as a potential biological control agent of *Crupina vulgaris* in the contiguous United States over other management options because it is host-specific. On October 30, 2020, we published in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 68838, Docket No. APHIS–2020–0036) a notice¹ in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts associated with the release of *Ramularia crupinae* for the biological control of common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) in the contiguous United States. Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before November 30, 2020. We received one comment by that date. The comment, which did not raise any substantive issues regarding the notice, is addressed in the final EA.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the release of *Ramularia crupinae* for the biological control of common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) in the contiguous United States. The finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of *Ramularia crupinae* for the biological control of common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*) in the contiguous United States will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding, we

¹ To view the notice, supporting documents, and the comment we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter APHIS–2020–0036 in the Search field.