

performed upon detection of a pest. Pest-free areas are subject to audit by APHIS to verify their status.

APHIS has received a request from the government of the Republic of Chile to recognize an additional area of that country as being free of *Ceratitis capitata*, Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly).¹ Specifically, the government of the Republic of Chile asked that we recognize the Arica Province as an area that is free of Medfly. Currently, APHIS recognizes the Republic of Chile, except for the Arica Province, as free of Medfly. Furthermore, Medfly host articles (fruits and vegetables) from the Republic of Chile may be imported into the United States without treatment for Medfly from areas in the Republic of Chile that are free of Medfly. Recognizing the Arica Province as free of Medfly would result in the entire Republic of Chile as being recognized as free of that pest.

In accordance with our regulations and the criteria set out in ISPM No. 4, we have reviewed and approved the survey protocols and other information provided by the Republic of Chile relative to its system to establish freedom, phytosanitary measures to maintain freedom, and system for the verification of the maintenance of freedom. Because this action concerns the expansion of a currently recognized pest-free area in the Republic of Chile from which fruits and vegetables are authorized for importation into the United States, our review of the information presented by the Republic of Chile in support of its request is examined in a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) titled "Recognition of an Additional Region as Medfly Pest-Free Area (PFA) for the Republic of Chile."

The CIED may be viewed on the Regulations.gov Web site or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for instructions for accessing Regulations.gov and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the CIED by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Therefore, in accordance with § 319.56-5(c), we are announcing the Administrator's determination that the Republic of Chile (including the Arica Province) meets the criteria of § 319.56-5(a) and (b) with respect to freedom from Medfly. After reviewing the comments we receive on this notice, we will announce our decision regarding

the status of this area with respect to their freedom from Medfly. If the Administrator's determination remains unchanged, we will amend the list of pest-free areas to list the Republic of Chile as free of Medfly.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of January 2010.

Kevin Shea

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to California Seed & Plant Lab, Inc. of Elverta, California, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 6,410,223, "Direct Polymerase Chain Reaction Assay, or Bio-PCR", issued on June 25, 2002.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Rm. 4-1174, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; *telephone:* 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as California Seed & Plant Lab Inc. of Elverta, California has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to 141 Repellent, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 7,378,557, "Methods for Preparing Isolongifolenone and Its Use in Repelling Arthropods", issued on May 27, 2008, and U.S. Patent No. 7,579,016, "Methods for Repelling Arthropods Using Isolongifolenone Analogs," issued on August 25, 2009.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 3, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights in these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as 141 Repellent, Inc. of Reston, Virginia, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty (30) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard J. Brenner,

Assistant Administrator.

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¹A list of pest-free-areas currently recognized by APHIS can be found at (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/DesignatedPestFreeAreas.pdf).