

well as to organisms that may be beneficial to plants, for example, honeybees, rhizobia, etc.

This genetically engineered corn line is also currently subject to regulation by other agencies. The EPA is responsible for the regulation of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*). FIFRA requires that all pesticides, including insecticides, be registered prior to distribution or sale, unless exempted by EPA regulation. Accordingly, Monsanto has submitted to the EPA an application to register the transgenic plant pesticide *Btk CryIA(b)* insect control protein as produced in corn.

Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*), pesticides added to raw agricultural commodities generally are considered to be unsafe unless a tolerance or exemption from tolerance has been established. Foods containing unsafe pesticides are deemed to be adulterated. Residue tolerances for pesticides are established by the EPA under the FFDCA; the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces the tolerances set by the EPA. Monsanto has also submitted to the EPA a pesticide petition (PP 5F4473) proposing to amend 40 CFR part 180 to establish a tolerance exemption for residues of the plant pesticide active ingredient *B. thuringiensis* delta-endotoxin as produced in corn by a *cryIA(b)* gene and its controlling sequences.

Consistent with the "Coordinated Framework for Regulation of Biotechnology" (51 FR 23302-23350, June 26, 1986), APHIS and the EPA are coordinating their review of this genetically engineered corn line to avoid duplication and ensure that all relevant issues are addressed.

The FDA published a statement of policy on foods derived from new plant varieties in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22984-23005). The FDA statement of policy includes a discussion of the FDA authority for ensuring food safety under the FFDCA, and provides guidance to industry on the scientific considerations associated with the development of foods derived from new plant varieties, including those plants developed through the techniques of genetic engineering.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition and any comments received are available for

public review, and copies of the petition may be ordered (see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice).

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. Based on the available information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of Monsanto's MON 80100 corn line and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-167, and 1622n; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of June 1995.

Lonnie J. King,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Commodity Credit Corporation

Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Quota Announcement Number 1

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Special import quota for upland cotton equal to 46,757,469 kilograms (103,082,657 pounds) is established in accordance with section 103B(a)(5)(F) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (1949 Act). This quota is established under Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and is referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Quota Announcement Number 1, chapter 99, subchapter III, subheading 9903.52.01 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

DATES: The quota was established on April 12, 1995, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 10, 1995 (90 days from the date the quota was established) and entered into the United States not later than October 8, 1995 (180 days from the date the quota was established).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janise Zygmunt, Consolidated Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, room 3756-S, PO Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415 or call (202) 720-8841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1949 Act requires that a special import quota

be determined and announced immediately if, for any consecutive 10-week period, the Friday through Thursday average price quotation for the lowest-priced U.S. growth, as quoted for Middling 1³/₃₂ inch cotton, C.I.F. northern Europe, (U.S. Northern Europe price), adjusted for the value of any cotton user marketing certificates issued, exceeds the Northern Europe price by more than 1.25 cents per pound. This condition was met during the consecutive 10-week period that ended April 6, 1995. The quota amount is equal to 1 week's consumption of upland cotton by domestic mills at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available—December 1994 through February 1995. The special import quota identifies quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations. The quota does not apply to Extra Long Staple cotton.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1444-2(a) and U.S. Note 6(a), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, DC, on May 25, 1995.

Dan Glickman,
Secretary.

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Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Quota Announcement Number 2

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A special import quota for upland cotton equal to 46,757,469 kilograms (103,082,657 pounds) is established in accordance with section 103B(a)(5)(F) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (1949 Act). This quota is established under Proclamation 6301 of June 7, 1991, and is referenced as the Secretary of Agriculture's Special Cotton Quota Announcement Number 2, chapter 99, subchapter III, subheading 9903.52.02 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS).

DATES: The quota was established on April 19, 1995, and applies to upland cotton purchased not later than July 17, 1995 (90 days from the date the quota was established) and entered into the United States not later than October 15, 1995 (180 days from the date the quota was established).