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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Forage Genetics International; Supplemental Request for Partial Deregulation of Roundup Ready Alfalfa

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Inspection Service has received a supplemental request for “partial deregulation” from Forage Genetics International for the planting, harvesting, and movement interstate of Roundup Ready® alfalfa under measures designed to ensure any risks posed by cultivation are mitigated. This notice seeks to inform interested or affected persons of the availability of the documents submitted to the Agency from Forage Genetics International requesting a “partial deregulation.”

ADDRESSES: You may view the request for “partial deregulation” on the Regulations.gov Web site (see http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0044) or on the APHIS Web site (see http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/04_11001p_pea2.pdf). Copies may also be obtained from the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rick Coker, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 146, Riverdale, MD 20737–1236; (301) 734–5720. To obtain copies of the supplemental request for “partial deregulation,” contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734–0667, e-mail: cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, “Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,” regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered “regulated articles.”

On November 24, 2004, APHIS published a notice in the Federal Register (69 FR 68300–68301, Docket No. 04–085–1) announcing receipt of a petition from the Monsanto Company (Monsanto) and Forage Genetics International (FGI) requesting a determination of nonregulated status under 7 CFR part 340 for alfalfa (Medicago sativa L.) designated as