

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that an environmental assessment has been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the proposed release into the environment of nonindigenous weevils for use as biological control agents to suppress hound's-tongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*), an introduced weed. The environmental assessment has been prepared to provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impact and plant pest risk associated with releasing these biological control agents into the environment.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the environmental assessment are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ronald D. Hennessey, Entomologist, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-7839; or E-mail: rhenness@aphis.usda.gov. For copies of the environmental assessment, write to Dr. Ronald D. Hennessey at the same address. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when ordering copies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has received an application from Montana State University for a permit to release a nonindigenous root-feeding weevil, *Mogulones cruciger* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), for biological control of hound's-tongue, *Cynoglossum officinale* (Boraginaceae). Hound's-tongue is an introduced weed that has been reported in 36 of the 48 contiguous States. The purpose of the proposed action is to reduce the severity of infestations of hound's-tongue in the United States through the introduction of *M. cruciger*.

Hound's-tongue is an invasive weed that significantly reduces forage and whose barbed seeds stick to sheep, reducing the value of wool, and stick to cattle, causing skin irritation and behavioral problems. Hound's-tongue also contains large quantities of pyrrolizidine alkaloids, which are toxic to cattle and horses. Distribution of hound's-tongue is currently increasing in Montana and British Columbia.

The applicant is proposing to collect the *M. cruciger* adults from Hungary and Serbia and import them to the Insect Quarantine Laboratory at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, where their species identity would be confirmed, and examinations for diseases, parasitoids, and other contaminants would be made. The weevil would then be released in infestations of hound's-tongue at several selected sites in western and central Montana.

After substantial weevil populations are established, insects would be collected and distributed to other sites in Montana. Distribution would follow in other affected States as soon as possible. Eventually, the weevil is expected to spread throughout many or all of the 36 States in which hound's-tongue occurs.

If a permit to release *M. cruciger* is issued, this weevil will be the first exotic biological control agent approved for release against Hound's-tongue in the United States.

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impact and plant pest risk associated with releasing these biological control agents into the environment, we have prepared an environmental assessment relative to the release into the environment of *M. cruciger* entitled "Field Release of *Mogulones cruciger* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), a Nonindigenous Weevil Proposed for Biological Control of Hound's-Tongue, *Cynoglossum officinale* (Boraginaceae)" (May 1998).

The environmental assessment has been prepared in accordance with: (1) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (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 1500-1509), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 12th day of June 1998.

**Charles Schwalbe,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Proposed additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

*Comments must be received on or before:* July 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed.

#### *Administrative Services*

General Services Administration,  
Federal Protective Service Division,  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, San  
Francisco, California  
NPA: Jewish Vocational and Career  
Counseling Service, Inc., San  
Francisco, California

#### *Facilities Services Support*

White Sands Missile Range, White  
Sands, New Mexico  
NPA: Tresco, Inc., Las Cruces, New  
Mexico

#### *Food Service*

U.S. Marine Corps Base Dining  
Facilities, Quantico, Virginia  
NPA: Fairfax Opportunities Unlimited,  
Inc., Alexandria, Virginia

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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### **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

#### **Procurement List; Addition**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From  
People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled.

**ACTION:** Addition to the Procurement  
List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the  
Procurement List a service to be  
furnished by nonprofit agencies  
employing persons who are blind or  
have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase  
From People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310,  
1215 Jefferson Davis Highway,  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 1,  
1998, the Committee for Purchase From  
People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled published a notice (63 FR  
24153) of proposed addition to the  
Procurement List. After consideration of  
the material presented to it concerning  
capability of qualified nonprofit  
agencies to provide the service and  
impact of the addition on the current or  
most recent contractors, the Committee  
has determined that the service listed  
below are suitable for procurement by

the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C.  
46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that  
the following action will not have a  
significant impact on a substantial  
number of small entities. The major  
factors considered for this certification  
were:

1. The action will not result in any  
additional reporting, recordkeeping or  
other compliance requirements for small  
entities other than the small  
organizations that will furnish the  
service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe  
economic impact on current contractors  
for the service.

3. The action will result in  
authorizing small entities to furnish the  
service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory  
alternatives which would accomplish  
the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-  
O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in  
connection with the service proposed  
for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is  
hereby added to the Procurement List.

#### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Federal Building and Courthouse, 1  
North Palafox Street, Pensacola,  
Florida

This action does not affect current  
contracts awarded prior to the effective  
date of this addition or options that may  
be exercised under those contracts.

**Beverly L. Milkman,**

*Executive Director.*

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Under Secretary David Aaron's High- Technology Trade Mission to Southeast Asia**

**AGENCY:** International Trade  
Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice serves to inform  
the public that Ambassador David L.  
Aaron, Under Secretary for International  
Trade, will lead a High-Technology  
Trade Mission to Malaysia, Singapore,  
Thailand and the Philippines,  
September 7-19, 1998. This notice also  
sets forth mission objectives,  
application procedures, and  
participation criteria.

**DATES:** Applications should be  
submitted to Alain de Sarran by Friday,  
July 31, 1998, in order to ensure  
sufficient time to obtain in-country  
appointments for applicants selected to

participate in the mission. Applications  
received after that date will be  
considered only if space and scheduling  
constraints permit.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for and submission  
of applications—Applications are  
available from Alain de Sarran, Deputy  
Director, Office of International  
Operations, East Asia and the Pacific, at  
(202) 482-2422 or via facsimile at (202)  
501-6165. Numbers listed in this notice  
are not toll-free. An original and two  
copies of the required application  
materials should be sent to the project  
officer noted above. Applications sent  
by facsimile must be immediately  
followed by submission of the original  
application to Mr. de Sarran at the  
following address: Office of  
International Operations, East Asia and  
the Pacific, Room 1223, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, 14th Street  
and Constitution Ave., NW,  
Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Alain de Sarran or Paul Kullman at  
(202) 482-2422. Information is also  
available via the International Trade  
Administration's (ITA) Internet home  
page at "http://www.ita.doc.gov"

#### **Trade Mission Description**

This trade mission is designed to lend  
high-profile U.S. Government advocacy  
to American companies, particularly  
small and medium-sized firms, seeking  
business opportunities in high-  
technology sectors in Southeast Asia,  
and to demonstrate U.S. support of  
countries in the region recovering from  
the financial crisis. The current  
financial problems affecting Southeast  
Asia are slowing growth in the short  
term. However, as these economies  
implement financial reforms, their rates  
of economic growth can be expected to  
resume a more dynamic pace, thereby  
providing U.S. companies with  
exceptional high-tech export  
opportunities.

Government leaders of Malaysia,  
Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines  
place many of their hopes for industrial  
modernization, increased  
competitiveness, and economic recovery  
in their high-tech sectors, and they often  
look to the United States first to help  
fulfill these hopes because U.S.  
companies possess cutting-edge  
technology and know-how. Guided by  
reporting on best export prospects from  
the Department's overseas offices, this  
mission endeavors to meet foreign  
demand for information technology,  
telecommunications and environmental  
technology.

The mission will visit Kuala Lumpur  
and Penang, September 7-10 ;