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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting; Partnership for Peace Fund Advisory Board

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Request for public comment and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announces a public meeting, co-hosted with the U.S. Institute for Peace, and requests public comment for the second meeting of the Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF) Advisory Board to (1) review progress following the first year of PPF programming; (2) discuss approaches to programming in the next fiscal year; and (3) discuss plans to engage the international donor community in peacebuilding work.

DATES:

1. Written comments and information are requested on or before October 20, 2022, at 5 p.m. EDT.

2. The public meeting will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT via the Zoom platform (https://usaid.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9L05MuZsT5imiGiRDn6fdw).

3. The meeting does not require pre-registration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments regarding the work of the PPF Advisory Board by email to MEPPA@usaid.gov. Include “Public Comment, PPF Advisory Board Meeting, October 27” in the subject line. All public comments and questions will be included in the official record of the meeting and posted publicly on the USAID website.

Please email MEPPA@usaid.gov to request reasonable accommodations for the public meeting. Include “Request for Reasonable Accommodation, PPF Advisory Board Meeting, October 27” in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan McDonald, 202–712–4938, meppa@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In December 2020, Congress passed the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act, or MEPPA, with bipartisan support. The Act directs USAID and the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), in coordination with the Department of State, to program \$250 million over five years to build the foundation for peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Palestinians through a new PPF, managed by USAID, and a Joint Investment Initiative, managed by the DFC.

MEPPA serves as a recognition that economic, social, and political connections between Israelis and Palestinians are the best way to foster mutual understanding and provide the strongest basis for a sustainable, two-state solution. USAID’s Middle East Bureau has been working with Congress, interagency colleagues, and partners in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza to implement the Act. MEPPA also calls for the establishment of a board to advise USAID on the strategic direction of the PPF.

Composed of up to 15 members, the PPF Advisory Board includes development experts, private sector leaders and faith-based leaders who are appointed by members of Congress and the USAID Administrator. As stated in its charter, the Board’s role is to:

1. To consult with, provide information to and advise USAID, and other U.S. agencies, as appropriate, on matters and issues relating to the PPF, including on:
 - the efficacy of United States and international support for grassroots, people-to-people efforts aimed at fostering tolerance, countering extremist propaganda and incitement in the State of Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza;
 - strengthening engagement between Palestinians and Israelis, including through people-to-people peacebuilding programs to increase the bonds of friendship and understanding; and
 - investing in cooperation that develops the Palestinian economy and results in joint economic ventures;
2. To make recommendations on the types of projects USAID should seek to further the purposes of the People-to-People PPF;

3. To make recommendations on partnerships with foreign governments and international organizations to leverage the impact of the PPF; and

4. To inform USAID’s required reporting to the appropriate Congressional committees.

The following are the current members of the Advisory Board:

- Chair: The Honorable George R. Salem
- The Honorable Elliott Abrams
- Rabbi Angela Buchdahl
- Rabbi Michael M. Cohen
- Sander Gerber
- Ambassador Mark Green (ret.)
- Hiba Hussein
- Heather Johnston
- Harley Lippman
- The Honorable Nita M. Lowey
- Dina Powell McCormick
- Jen Stewart
- The Honorable Robert Wexler

PPF Advisory Board meetings are held twice a year and are public. More information about how USAID is implementing MEPPA to increase people-to-people partnerships between Israelis and Palestinians is available at: <https://www.usaid.gov/west-bank-and-gaza/meppa>.

The purpose of this meeting is for the Advisory Board to gain a better understanding of the progress so far to program funds under the PPF to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to increase understanding and advance the goal of a two-state solution.

During this meeting, the Board will (1) review progress following the first year of PPF programming; (2) discuss options for approaches to programming in the next fiscal year; and (3) discuss plans to engage the international donor community in peacebuilding work.

Request for Public Comment

To inform the direction and advice of the Board, USAID invites written comments from the public on areas for focus and strategies for people-to-people peacebuilding under the PPF.

Written comments and information are requested on or before Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Include “Public Comment, PPF Advisory Board Meeting, October 27” in the subject line. Please submit comments and information as a Word or PDF attachment to your email. You are encouraged to submit written comments even if you plan to attend the public meeting. All public comments and

questions will be included in the official record of the meeting and posted publicly on the USAID website.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will take place Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT. This meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting should use the following link: (https://usaid.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9L05MuZsT5imiGiRDn6fdw).

American Sign Language interpretation will be provided during the public meeting. Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to Daniel McDonald at MEPPA@usaid.gov. Please include "Request for Reasonable Accommodation, PPF Advisory Board Meeting, October 27" in the subject line.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2021-0078]

Notice of Proposed Revision to Requirements for the Importation of Grapes From Chile Into the 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 pest risk assessment (PRA) and a commodity import evaluation document (CIED) relative to the importation into the United States of fresh table grapes from regions of Chile where European grapevine moth (*Lobesia botrana*, EGVM) is either absent or at very low prevalence. Chile grapes are currently subject to methyl bromide fumigation for EGVM and Chilean false red mite (*Brevipalpus chilensis*). Based on the PRA and the findings of the CIED, we are also proposing to authorize the importation of grapes from Chile under a systems approach or irradiation for EGVM and *B. chilensis*; current mitigation measures for *Ceratitis capitata*, or Medfly, would remain unchanged. We are making the PRA and CIED available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before December 16, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov. Enter APHIS-2021-0078 in the Search field. Select the Documents tab, then select the Comment button in the list of documents.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2021-0078, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at www.regulations.gov or in our reading room, which is located in room 1620 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799-7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Claudia Ferguson, Senior Regulatory Policy Specialist, RCC, IRM, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 851-2353; Claudia.Ferguson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the regulations in "Subpart L-Fruits and Vegetables" (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319.56-12, referred to below as the regulations), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) prohibits or restricts the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent plant pests from being introduced into or disseminated within the United States.

Section 319.56-4 of the regulations provides the requirements for authorizing the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States, as well as revising existing requirements for the importation of fruits and vegetables. Paragraph (c) of that section provides that the name and origin of all fruits and vegetables authorized importation into the United States, as well as the requirements for their importation, are listed on the internet at <https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/manual>; this address provides access to the Agricultural Commodity Import Requirements database, or ACIR.¹ It also

¹ This address had previously provided access to the Fruit and Vegetable Import Requirements

provides that, if the Administrator of APHIS determines that any of the phytosanitary measures required for the importation of a particular fruit or vegetable are no longer necessary to reasonably mitigate the plant pest risk posed by the fruit or vegetable, APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** making its pest risk documentation and determination available for public comment.

Chile table grapes (*Vitis vinifera* L.) are currently listed in ACIR as authorized for importation into the United States subject to methyl bromide fumigation. This requirement was first adopted in 1960 as a risk mitigation measure against the Chilean false red mite (*Brevipalpus chilensis*), subsequently revised to apply only if quarantine pests were intercepted, and, following frequent pest interceptions, reinstated in 1996 for all shipments. Chile table grapes from areas of Chile under quarantine for Medfly (*Ceratitis capitata*) are subject to additional pest mitigation measures, which we are not proposing to change.²

On August 27, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 50577-50582, Docket No. APHIS-2007-0152) a proposed rule³ to allow the importation of fresh table grapes from Chile into the continental United States under a systems approach. Following an outbreak of European grapevine moth (*Lobesia botrana*, EGVM) in Chile that same year, and subsequent public comments on the proposed rule regarding the outbreak, APHIS elected not to finalize the proposed rule, as the proposed systems approach did not include EGVM-specific measures. Since that time, we have continued to require that table grapes imported from Chile receive methyl bromide fumigation, which also mitigates the risk of EGVM.

The national plant protection organization (NPPO) of Chile has requested that APHIS revise the import requirements for grapes from Chile to the United States to allow the export of table grapes from areas of Chile where EGVM is either absent or at very low prevalence (the Arica and Parinacota, Tarapacá, Antofagasta, Atacama, Coquimbo, and Valparaíso regions of Chile) under a systems approach or irradiation.

database, or FAVIR. However, on September 30, 2022, the FAVIR database was replaced by the ACIR database.

² We would, however, clarify that irradiation is an approved phytosanitary treatment for Medfly. This is specified in our PPQ Treatment Manual, but not currently reflected in ACIR.

³ To view the proposed rule, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2007-0152-0001>.