

provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Product Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. The Administrative Procedures Act requires that Federal agencies give interested persons the right to petition for issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule (5 U.S.C. 553 (e)). FSIS has regulations (9 CFR 392) governing petitions to the Agency to issue, amend, or repeal its regulations.

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will use the information associated with petitions to assess the merits of the petition and to determine whether to issue, amend, or repeal its regulations. If the information is not collected or collected less frequently, it would reduce the effectiveness of the meat, poultry, and egg products inspection program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 400.

Levi S. Harrell,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by January 21, 2025 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Housing Service

Title: RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0051.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency makes loans (direct and guaranteed) to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 as amended, (ReAct). RUS Electric Program provides support to the vast rural American electric infrastructure. RUS' Telecommunications Program makes loans to furnish and improve telephone services and other telecommunications purposes in rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information using RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data. The information is used for the RUS Electric and Telephone programs to obtain the name and addresses of the borrowers' officers/board of directors and corporate officials, who are authorized to sign official documents and/or to make official representations concerning borrower operations and management. RUS uses the information to assure that (1) accurate, current, and verifiable information is available; (2) correspondence with borrowers is properly directed; and (3) the appropriate officials have signed the official documents submitted. Failure to collect information from borrowers could result in failure to protect the government's security interest when

determining eligibility and administering loan programs.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 869.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 217.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2023-0050]

Addition of Black Stem Rust-Resistant Barberry Plant Varieties to Regulated Articles List

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are adding 33 varieties to the list of black stem rust-resistant barberry species and varieties. This change will allow for the interstate movement of these newly developed varieties without unnecessary restrictions.

DATES: Varieties were added to the list of black stem rust-resistant barberry species on December 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Allen Proxmire, National Policy Manager, Black Stem Rust, Specialty Crops and Cotton Pests, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPO, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; phone: (480) 392-8754; email: allen.proxmire@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Black stem rust is a destructive plant disease caused by a fungus (*Puccinia graminis*) that reduces the quality and yield of infected wheat, oat, barley, and rye crops. In addition to infecting small grains, the fungus lives on a variety of alternate host plants that are species of the genera *Berberis*, *Mahoberberis*, and *Mahonia*, known as barberry plants.

The regulations in "Subpart D—Black Stem Rust" (7 CFR 301.38 through 301.38-8, referred to below as the regulations), quarantine the conterminous 48 States and the District of Columbia for black stem rust, and govern the interstate movement of plants of the genera *Berberis*,

Mahoberberis, and *Mahonia*, known as barberry plants.

Species and varieties of these plants are categorized as either rust-resistant or rust-susceptible. Rust-susceptible plants pose a risk of spreading black stem rust or of contributing to the development of new races of the rust, and therefore are prohibited from moving interstate into or through any protected area listed in accordance with § 301.38–3. Rust-resistant plants do not pose such risks, and therefore may be moved into or through protected areas subject to the requirements in the regulations.

In accordance with § 301.38–2(a), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains a list of *Berberis* species and varieties it has found to be rust-resistant at www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/barberry/ct_barberry.

Paragraph (c)(1) of § 301.38–2 provides that if the Administrator determines that an article not already listed is resistant to black stem rust, APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** proposing to add the article to the list of rust-resistant articles for black stem rust and request public comment. Following the close of the comment period, APHIS will review all comments received and will make a final determination regarding the designation that will be published in a second notice in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with that process, on March 20, 2024, we published in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 19796–19797, Docket No. APHIS–2023–0050), a notice¹ proposing to add 32 varieties of *Berberis thunbergii* (Japanese barberry) to the list of black stem rust-resistant barberry species and varieties. The proposed additions were found, through testing by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) of the United States Department of Agriculture, to be resistant to the fungus (*Puccinia graminis*) that causes black stem rust.

We solicited comments concerning our proposal for 60 days ending May 20, 2024. We received two comments, both from members of the industry involved in breeding the varieties addressed in this action.

One commenter asked us to remove from the cultivar names all language after the nomenclatures that begin with ‘NCBT’ and ‘SMNBT’.

We will remove this nomenclature from our list of *Berberis* species and

varieties we have found to be rust-resistant.

The other commenter stated that *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. calliantha* ‘NCBX5’, which was confirmed resistant in 2017, was missing from the listing in the notice.

The commenter is correct that we mistakenly excluded *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. calliantha* ‘NCBX5’ from the notice. This article was found to be resistant to the fungus (*Puccinia graminis*) that causes black stem rust through testing by ARS in 2017 and should have been included in the notice. We will include *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. calliantha* ‘NCBX5’ in our list of *Berberis* species and varieties we have found to be rust-resistant. This article will bring the number of additions to 33, rather than 32.

The commenter also stated that, in our current list of rust-resistant *Berberis* species and varieties on the APHIS web page, the parentage listed for ‘NCBX3’ was incorrect. The variety is listed as *B. thunbergii* x *B. calliantha* ‘NCBX3’, but should be listed as *Berberis thunbergii* x *media* ‘NCBX3’.

The commenter is correct. We will fix this error by correctly listing *Berberis thunbergii* x *media* ‘NCBX3’ when we update our list of rust-resistant *Berberis* species and varieties.

Therefore, in accordance with the regulations in § 301.38–2(c)(1), we are announcing our decision to designate the following articles as rust-resistant:

- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Cital’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Coral Spice’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Crimson Cutie’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘James Blonde’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Lemon Cutie®’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Lemon Glow®’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Mr. Green Genes TM’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Purple Plume’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT3’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT4’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT8’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT9’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT10’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT11’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT12’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT13’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘NCBT14’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘Schu20022’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTA’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTAB’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTAJ’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTAK’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTAZ’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTA1’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTA2’
- *Berberis thunbergii* ‘SMNBTA3’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *media* ‘NCBX9’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX10’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX11’

- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX12’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX13’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX14’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX15’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. sieboldii* ‘NCBX16’
- *Berberis thunbergii* x *B. calliantha* ‘NCBX5’

These articles will be added to the list of rust-resistant regulated articles for black stem rust at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/black-stem-rust-barberry>.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7701–7772 and 7781–7786; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.3. Section 301.75–15 issued under section 204, title II, Public Law 106–113, 113 Stat. 1501A–293; sections 301.75–15 and 301.75–16 issued under section 203, title II, Public Law 106–224, 114 Stat. 400 (7 U.S.C. 1421 note).

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of December 2024.

Michael Watson,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2023–0040]

Notice of Decision To Authorize the Importation of Rosemary and Tarragon From Ethiopia Into the Continental United States

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our decision to authorize the importation of fresh leaves and stems of rosemary and fresh leaves and stems of tarragon from Ethiopia into the continental United States. Based on findings of pest risk analyses, which we made available to the public for review and comment through a previous notice, we have determined that the application of one or more designated phytosanitary measures will be sufficient to mitigate the risks of introducing or disseminating plant pests or noxious weeds via the importation of rosemary and tarragon from Ethiopia.

DATES: Imports may be authorized beginning December 20, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Gina Stiltner, Senior Regulatory Policy

¹ To view the notice, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/document/APHIS-2023-0050-0001>.