SUBJECT: APHIS Extends Comment Period for Chrysanthemum White Rust Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On October 31, 2012, APHIS published a notice in the Federal Register to extend the comment period by 30 days for the chrysanthemum white rust (CWR) advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) that was published on August 3, 2012. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. Comments received on or before November 30, 2012 will be considered.

APHIS is soliciting public comment on whether and how the Agency should amend its process for responding to domestic CWR outbreaks and importing host plant material.

You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2012-0001, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

For additional information regarding this program, please contact Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Policy Manager, at (301) 851-2286.

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