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The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the petition and draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA). APHIS encourages submission of scientific data, studies, or research in support of comments.

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