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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2022–0015]

#### Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Release of *Psyllaephagus euphylluræ* for Biological Control of Olive Psyllid in the Contiguous 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 final environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to permitting the release of the insect *Psyllaephagus euphylluræ* for biological control of olive psyllid (*Euphyllura olivina*) in the contiguous United States. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert S. Pfannenstiel, Ph.D., Senior Entomologist, Biological Control, Pests, Pathogens and Biocontrol Permitting, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; (301) 851–2198; email: [bob.pfannenstiel@usda.gov](mailto:bob.pfannenstiel@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is issuing permits for the release of the insect *Psyllaephagus euphylluræ* in the contiguous United States for the biological control of olive psyllid (*Euphyllura olivina*).

The olive psyllid is native to southern Europe. It was first detected in North America in 2007. By the time this psyllid was found on olives in southern California, it was widespread in the region. This pest feeds exclusively on the flower blossoms and growing tissue

of olives, causing reductions in fruit set, with reductions in fruit yield as high as 60 percent reported in some parts of the Mediterranean Basin.

Permitting the release of *P. euphylluræ* is necessary to reduce the severity of damage to olives from infestations of olive psyllid. *P. euphylluræ* is a small, stingless parasitoid wasp specific only to olive psyllid. The adult wasp lays an egg inside the olive psyllid. The egg hatches and consumes the olive psyllid host. The *P. euphylluræ* then goes into prolonged dormancy as a preadult in the host mummy's remains until the following spring. The wasp poses no risk to humans, livestock, or wildlife.

On March 31, 2022, we published in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 18764, Docket No. 2022–0015) a notice<sup>1</sup> in which we announced the availability, for public review and comment, of an environmental assessment (EA) that examined the potential environmental impacts associated with the release of *P. euphylluræ* (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) in the contiguous United States for the biological control of olive psyllid (*Euphyllura olivina*, Hemiptera: Liviidae). Comments on the notice were required to be received on or before May 2, 2022. We received one comment on the EA by that date. It was in favor of the environmental release of *P. euphylluræ*.

In this document, we are advising the public of our finding of no significant impact (FONSI) regarding the field release of the insect, *P. euphylluræ*, for biological control of olive psyllid in the contiguous United States. Our finding, which is based on the EA, reflects our determination that release of *P. euphylluræ* for the biological control of olive psyllid in the contiguous United States will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding, we have issued a permit for the release of *P. euphylluræ* for the biological control of olive psyllid in the contiguous United States.

The final EA and FONSI may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* website (see footnote 1). Copies of the final EA and FONSI are also available for public inspection at 1620 of the USDA South

<sup>1</sup> To view the notice, supporting documents, and the comment we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter APHIS–2022–0015 in the Search field.

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. Persons wishing to inspect copies are requested to call ahead on (202) 799–7039 to facilitate entry into the reading room. In addition, copies may be obtained by calling or writing to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The final EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (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 1500–1508); (3) U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b); and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 6th day of February 2024.

**Michael Watson,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals, free milk, and Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer benefits for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program (and Commodity School Program), School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. Beginning in 2024, they will also be used by States and Indian Tribal Organizations that administer the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for

Children Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

**DATES:** Applicable July 1, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Penny Burke, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1320 Braddock Place, Suite 401, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, 303-844-0357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget. This notice has been determined to be not significant and was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866. The affected programs are listed in the Assistance Listings (<https://sam.gov/>) under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556, No. 10.558, and No. 10.559 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR part 415).

**Background**

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1), 13A(h)(2), and 17(c)(4) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1), 42 U.S.C. 1762(h)(2), and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)(1)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1772(a)(6) and 1773(e)(1)(A)), the Department annually issues the Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals for the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR part 210), the Commodity School Program (7 CFR

part 210), School Breakfast Program (7 CFR part 220), Summer Food Service Program (7 CFR part 225), Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226), free milk in the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR part 215), and program benefits in the Summer EBT Program (7 CFR part 292). These eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal income poverty guidelines and are stated by household size. The guidelines are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals, free milk, and Summer EBT benefits in accordance with applicable program rules.

**Definition of Income**

In accordance with the Department's policy as provided in the Food and Nutrition Service publication Eligibility Manual for School Meals, "income," as the term is used in this notice, means income before any deductions such as income taxes, Social Security taxes, insurance premiums, charitable contributions, and bonds. It includes the following: (1) monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions or fees; (2) net income from nonfarm self-employment; (3) net income from farm self-employment; (4) Social Security; (5) dividends or interest on savings or bonds or income from estates or trusts; (6) net rental income; (7) public assistance or welfare payments; (8) unemployment compensation; (9) government civilian employee or military retirement, or pensions or veterans payments; (10) private pensions or annuities; (11) alimony or child support payments; (12) regular contributions from persons not living in the household; (13) net royalties; and (14) other cash income. Other cash income would include cash amounts received or withdrawn from any source including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources that would be available to pay the price of a child's meal.

"Income", as the term is used in this notice, does *not* include any income or benefits received under any Federal programs that are excluded from consideration as income by any

statutory prohibition. Furthermore, the value of meals, milk, or EBT benefits to children shall not be considered as income to their households for other benefit programs in accordance with the prohibitions in section 12(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and section 11(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1760(e) and 1780(b)).

**The Income Eligibility Guidelines**

The following are the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The Department's guidelines for free meals and milk and reduced price meals were obtained by multiplying the year 2024 Federal income poverty guidelines by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and by rounding the result upward to the next whole dollar.

This notice displays only the annual Federal poverty guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services because the monthly and weekly Federal poverty guidelines are not used to determine the Income Eligibility Guidelines. The chart details the free and reduced price eligibility criteria for monthly income, income received twice monthly (24 payments per year), income received every two weeks (26 payments per year) and weekly income.

Income calculations are made based on the following formulas: monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar. The numbers reflected in this notice for a family of four in the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Territories represent an increase of 4.0 percent over last year's level for a family of the same size.

*Authority:* Section 9(b)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1)(A)).

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**  
[Effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced price meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
		Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
<b>48 Contiguous States, District of Columbia, Guam, and Territories</b>											
1 .....	15,060	27,861	2,322	1,161	1,072	536	19,578	1,632	816	753	377
2 .....	20,440	37,814	3,152	1,576	1,455	728	26,572	2,215	1,108	1,022	511
3 .....	25,820	47,767	3,981	1,991	1,838	919	33,566	2,798	1,399	1,291	646
4 .....	31,200	57,720	4,810	2,405	2,220	1,110	40,560	3,380	1,690	1,560	780
5 .....	36,580	67,673	5,640	2,820	2,603	1,302	47,554	3,963	1,982	1,829	915
6 .....	41,960	77,626	6,469	3,235	2,986	1,493	54,548	4,546	2,273	2,098	1,049
7 .....	47,340	87,579	7,299	3,650	3,369	1,685	61,542	5,129	2,565	2,367	1,184
8 .....	52,720	97,532	8,128	4,064	3,752	1,876	68,536	5,712	2,856	2,636	1,318
For each add'l family member, add .....	5,380	9,953	830	415	383	192	6,994	583	292	269	135
<b>Alaska</b>											
1 .....	18,810	2,900	1,450	1,339	670	24,453	2,038	1,019	941	471	
2 .....	25,540	47,249	3,938	1,969	1,818	909	33,202	2,767	1,384	1,277	630
3 .....	32,270	59,700	4,975	2,488	2,297	1,149	41,951	3,496	1,748	1,614	807
4 .....	39,000	72,150	6,013	3,007	2,775	1,388	50,700	4,225	2,113	1,950	975
5 .....	45,730	84,601	7,051	3,526	3,254	1,627	59,449	4,955	2,478	2,287	1,144
6 .....	52,460	97,051	8,088	4,044	3,733	1,867	68,198	5,684	2,842	2,623	1,312
7 .....	59,190	109,502	9,126	4,563	4,212	2,106	76,947	6,413	3,207	2,960	1,480
8 .....	65,920	121,952	10,163	5,082	4,691	2,346	83,571	7,016	3,508	3,248	1,624
For each add'l family member, add .....	6,730	12,451	1,038	519	479	240	8,749	730	365	337	165
<b>Hawaii</b>											
1 .....	17,310	32,024	2,669	1,335	1,232	616	22,503	1,876	938	866	430
2 .....	23,500	43,475	3,623	1,812	1,673	837	30,550	2,546	1,273	1,175	580
3 .....	29,690	54,927	4,578	2,289	2,113	1,057	38,597	3,217	1,609	1,485	740
4 .....	35,880	66,378	5,532	2,766	2,553	1,277	46,644	3,887	1,944	1,794	897
5 .....	42,070	77,830	6,486	3,243	2,994	1,497	54,691	4,558	2,279	2,104	1,052
6 .....	48,260	89,281	7,441	3,721	3,434	1,717	62,738	5,229	2,615	2,413	1,207
7 .....	54,450	100,733	8,395	4,198	3,875	1,938	70,785	5,899	2,950	2,723	1,362
8 .....	60,640	112,184	9,349	4,675	4,315	2,158	78,832	6,570	3,285	3,032	1,510
For each add'l family member, add .....	6,190	11,452	955	478	441	221	8,047	671	336	310	150

**Cynthia Long**  
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).  
**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council will hold public meetings according to the details shown below. The Council is authorized under the National Trails System Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The purpose of the Council is to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters relating to the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail (PNT) as described in the Act.

**DATES:** A virtual meeting will be held March 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST).

**Written and Oral Comments:** Anyone wishing to provide virtual oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST on February 27, 2024. Written public comments will be accepted up to 11:59 p.m. PST on February 27, 2024. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Forest Service, but the Council may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting.

All council meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held virtually. The public may join virtually via the Zoom app or the internet using the link posted on the PNT Advisory Council Meetings web page: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622>. Council information and meeting details can be found at the following website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/pnt/working-together/advisory-committees/?cid=fseprd505622> or by contacting the

**person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

**Written Comments:** Written comments must be sent by email to [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov) or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeff Kitchens, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701. The Forest Service strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically.

**Oral Comments:** Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. PST, February 27, 2024, and speakers can only register for one speaking slot. Oral comments must be sent by email to [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov) or via mail (i.e., postmarked) to Jeff Kitchens, 63095 Deschutes Market Road, Bend, Oregon 97701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Kitchens, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by email at [jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.kitchens@usda.gov) or phone at (458) 899-6185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Approve meeting minutes;
2. Discuss implementation of the comprehensive plan for the PNT; and
3. Discuss and identify future PNT Advisory Council activity.