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# **USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition to Deregulate Orchid Developed Using Genetic Engineering**

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) invites public comment on a petition to deregulate a *Phalaenopsis* orchid developed using genetic engineering to produce blue flowers.

The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the petition and APHIS' evaluation documents, and are encouraged to submit scientific data, studies, or research to support their comments.

The *Federal Register* notice of availability of the draft EA and draft PPRA can be viewed now on the [APHIS News page](#). Beginning June 4, 2025, members of the public can submit comments through August 4, 2025, by going to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and entering "APHIS-2025-0005" into the Search field.