No. 9900101

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR MULTIPLYING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'93B53'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand.

Attest:

Acting Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

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1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) *(as it is to appear on the Certificate)*
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

2. EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER

3. VARIETY NAME
93B53

4. ADDRESS *(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)*
7300 NW 62nd Ave
P.O. Box 1004
Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004

5. TELEPHONE *(include area code)*
515-270-3582

6. FAX *(include area code)*
515-253-2288

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FEES RECEIVED
FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: $ 2450.00
DATE 11-27-98
CERTIFICATION FEE: $ 320.00
DATE 10/6/00

7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME
Glycine max L.

8. FAMILY NAME *(Botanical)*
Leguminosae

9. CROP KIND NAME *(Common name)*
Soybean

10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION *(corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)*
Corporation

11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION
Iowa

12. DATE OF INCORPORATION
May 6, 1926

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS

~~John Grace~~ Dr. Daria Schmidt
21 Sept. 2000
7300 NW 62nd Ave.
P.O. Box 1004
Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004

Jean Bromert (Copy)
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16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED *(Follow instructions on reverse)*

a. ☑ Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety
b. ☑ Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness
c. ☑ Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety
d. ☑ Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety
e. ☑ Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership
f. ☑ Voucher Sample *(2,600 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository)*
g. ☑ Filing and Examination Fee ($2450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" *(Mail to PVPO)*

17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED *(See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)?*
☐ YES *If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below)* ☑ NO *If "no," go to item (20)*

18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?
☐ YES ☐ NO

19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
☐ YES *(If "yes," give names of countries and dates)* ☑ NO

21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate

The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*
D. John Grace, III

Name *(Please print or type)*
D. John Grace III

CAPACITY OR TITLE
Soybean Research Coordinator

DATE
11/20/98

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT *(Owner(s))*

Name *(Please print or type)*

CAPACITY OR TITLE

DATE

SD-470 (04-95) *(Previous editions are to be destroyed)*

(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statement)

<u>Exhibit A.</u> Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

Soybean Variety 93B53

Variety 93B53 evolved from a 1993 cross of 9281/{9281/[9273/(9273/40-3-2)]}.

It is an F4-derived variety which was advanced to the F6 generation by modified single seed descent. The F5 progeny row of 93B53 was grown in the winter of 1994 in Chile. Subsequently, 93B53 has undergone three years of extensive testing and purification and has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of yield performance, multi-race resistance (Rps1k) to *Phytophthora sojae*, and resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides, variety 93B53 was given a commercial number.

The initial purification block was grown during the winter of 1995 (breeder's seed). Ten acres of 93B53 were grown in the summer of 1996. Two hundred thirty-three acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in the summer of 1997.

Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness

Soybean Variety 93B53

Soybean variety 93B53 is most similar to the variety 93B51. Both varieties have tawny pubescence and resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides. However, 93B53 has yellow seed with black hilum, brown pod wall color, purple flower color, and multi-race resistance (Rps1k) to *Phytophthora sojae*, while 93B51 has yellow seed with brown hilum color, tan pod wall color, and white flower color, and no specific resistance to *Phytophthora sojae*. In addition, 93B53 and 93B51 differ in their isozyme profiles at loci ACO2, ACO4, IDH1, and PGM1 (see Table 1 below). 93B53 is also similar to 93B01. However, 93B53 is significantly taller than 93B01 (see Table 2).

Table 1.

	93B53	93B51
Loci	Allele	Allele
AC02	1	2
ACO3	1	1
ACO4	1	3
ACP	A	A
DIA	B	B
ENP	A	A
IDH1	1	2
IDH2	1	1
MDH	B	B
MPI	A	A
PGM1	1	2
PHI1	1	1

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Table 2. T-test comparison of 93B53 versus 93B01 for plant height, 1997-98 2-year analysis. Plant height is taken on a 10 foot by 15 foot plot basis, and is the inches measured from soil surface to uppermost pod.

YEAR	LOC	REP	93B53(X1)	93B01 (X2	X1-X2	$(X1-X2)^2$
			--- plant height (inches) ---			
1998	004A	CFA3E	36.0	33.0	3.0	9.0
	004A	CFV3GY	36.0	33.0	3.0	9.0
	831A		40.0	36.0	4.0	16.0
	346B		39.0	32.0	7.0	49.0
	349G		37.0	34.0	3.0	9.0
	955A	PEA3E	36.7	30.7	6.0	36.0
	955A	PEV3E	36.7	30.7	6.0	36.0
	955A	PEV3L	36.7	30.7	6.0	36.0
	986E	PEA3E	31.0	28.3	2.7	7.3
	986E	PEV3E	31.0	28.3	2.7	7.3
	033M		36.0	30.0	6.0	36.0
	033N		34.0	27.0	7.0	49.0
1998		**SUM**	430	374	56.4	299.6
		MEAN	35.8	31.1	4.7	**=d**
		n =	12	groups of individuals		

1998 ANALYSIS

Ave 93B53 =	36	inches
Ave 93B01 =	31	inches
d = (Ave X1 - Ave X2)	5	
SE diff = SQRT of	0.26	
SE diff =	0.51	
t = d/SE diff =	9.19	
df =	11	
Prob > **t** =	0.00	significant at 1% level

Formula for Standard Error Calculations:

$$SE\ diff = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(X1-X2)^2-(\Sigma\ X1-X2)^2/n}{(n)\ (n-1)}}$$

1993 Standard Error Calculation:

$$SE\ diff_{93} = \sqrt{\frac{299.6 - ((56.4)^2/12)}{(12)\ (11)}}$$

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SEED DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

SOYBEAN (Glycine max L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		93B53

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Johnston, IA 50131-1004

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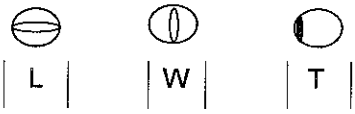
Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero on the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., [0][9]). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



[2]

1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify)

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

[2] 1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

[1][5] Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[6] 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify)

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

[1] 1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

[2] 1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

[ ] 1 = Type A (SP1 a) 2 = Type B (SP1 b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

[4] 1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

[3] 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify)

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11. LEAFLET SIZE:

[2] 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

[2] 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ **13. FLOWER COLOR:**

[2] 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ **14. POD COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ **15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:**

[2] 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

[2] 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ **17. PLANT HABIT:**

[3] 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ **18. MATURITY GROUP:**

[0][6] 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ **19. DISEASE REACTION:** (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★ [0] Bacterial Pustule *(Xanthomonas phaseoli var. sojensis)*

★ [1] Bacterial Blight *(Pseudomonas glycinea)*

★ [0] Wildfire *(Pseudomonas tabaci)*

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★ [1] Brown Spot *(Septoria glycines)*

Frogeye Leaf Spot *(Cercospora sojina)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [0] Race 3 [0] Race 4 [0] Race 5 [ ] Other (Specify)

[0] Target Spot *(Corynespora cassiicola)*

[0] Downy Mildew *(Peronospora trifoliorum var. manshurica)*

[0] Powdery Mildew *(Microsphaera diffusa)*

★ [0] Brown Stem Rot *(Cephalosporium gregatum)*

[0] Stem Canker *(Diaporthe phaseolorum var. caulivora)*

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19. DISEASES REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

★ [1] Pod and Stem Blight *(Diaporthe phaseolorum var; sojae)*

[1] Purple Seed Stain *(Cercospora kikuchii)*

[1] Rhizoctonia Root Rot *(Rhizoctonia solani)*

Phytophthora Rot *(Phytophthora megasperma var. sojae)*

★ [2] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [2] Race 3 [2] Race 4 [2] Race 5 [0] Race 6 [0] Race 7

[0] Race 8 [0] Race 9 [ ] Other (Specify)

VIRAL DISEASES:

[1] Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)

[1] Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)

★ [1] Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)

[1] Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)

★ [1] Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

Soybean Cyst Nematode *(Heterodera glycines)*

★ [0] Race 1 [0] Race 2 [1] Race 3 [1] Race 4 [ ] Other (Specify)

[0] Lance Nematode *(Hoplolaimus Colombus)*

★ [0] Southern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne incognita)*

★ [0] Northern Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne Hapla)*

[0] Peanut Root Knot Nematode *(Meloidogyne arenaria)*

[0] Reniform Nematode *(Rotylenchulus reniformis)*

[ ] OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify)

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

★ [0] Iron Chlorosis on Calcareois Soil

[ ] Other (Specify)

21. INSECT REACTION: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

[0] Mexican Bean Beetle *(Epilachna Varivestis)*

[0] Potato Leaf Hopper *(Empoasca fabae)*

[ ] Other (Specify)

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	9333	Seed Coat Luster	9392
Leaf Shape	93B41	Seed Size	93B01
Leaf Color	9352	Seed shape	93B41
Leaf Size	93B41	Seedling Pigmentation	93B82

Variety Name 93B53

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY : Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEED	NO. SEEDS POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted 93B53	130.4	1.5	81.5	8.1	10.8	36.5	24.1	15.3	3
Name of Similar Variety 93B41	128.6	1.5	77.5	8.1	11.3	38.7	23.6	15.2	3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

1. Caldwell, B.E., ed. 1973. Soybeans: Improvement, Production, and Uses. Amer. Soc. Agron. Monograph No. 16.
2. Buttery, B.R. and R.I. Buzzell. 1968. Peroxidase activity in seeds of soybean varieties. Crop Sci., 8: 722-725.
3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop. Sci., 13: 420-421
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1:1-19

Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety

Soybean Variety 93B53

In Exhibit C we have identified variety 93B53 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, purple seed stain, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle.

This does not mean that variety 93B53 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 93B53 to be immune to these problems. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as "susceptible".

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

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8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, Please explain. ☑ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? ☑ YES ☐ NO
If no, give name of country _____

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☑ YES ☐ NO *If no, please answer one of the following:*

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), Is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is(are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?
☐ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country _____

11. Additional explanation on ownership *(If needed, use reverse for extra space):*

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. **If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.**
2. **If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.**
3. **If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.**

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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