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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

## JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

### Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in the Conference Room of William M. Mercer, Incorporated, 30th Floor, Conference Room 30C, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York, on Monday, March 29, 1999, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in Title 29 U.S. Code, Section 1242 (a)(1)(B).

We have determined as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), that the subject of the meeting falls with the exception to the open meeting requirement set forth in Title 5 U.S. Code, section 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such meeting be closed to public participation.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

**Patrick W. McDonough,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 25, 1999.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments

regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Emergency Loan Policies, Procedures and Authorizations—7 CFR part 1945-D.

*OMB Control Numbers:* 0560-0159.

*Summary of Collection:* The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 1972 authorizes emergency loss loans to assist farmers who have suffered physical or production losses in areas declared by the President, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, or named for physical loss loans by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator. Funds may be used to restore or replace essential property, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year, essential family living expenses,

reorganize the farming operation, or refinance debts. Emergency loss loans are low interest direct loans which are made and serviced by FSA officials. FSA will document and verify the extent of losses suffered because of the natural disaster, and account for loan funds that will be disbursed to borrowers in more than one installment.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect information using forms to determine an applicant's eligibility and property loss and account for loan funds that will be disbursed. The collected information will be used to protect the government's financial interests by ensuring that only farming operations which have suffered a 30 percent production loss are determined eligible for emergency loans.

*Description of Respondents:* Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,100.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 4,960.

### Agricultural Marketing Service

*Title:* Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs.

*OMB Control Number:* 0581-0128.

*Summary of Collection:* The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 1087-1091, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 1621-1627) (AMA) directs and authorizes the Department to develop standards of quality, grades, grading programs, and services to enable a more orderly marketing of agricultural products so trading may be facilitated and so consumers may be able to obtain products graded and identified under USDA programs with the confidence of receiving quality in accordance with the standards, grades, and regulations. The regulations provide a voluntary program for grading shell eggs on the basis of U.S. standards, grades, and weight classes. In addition, the shell egg industry and users of the products have requested that other types of voluntary services be developed and provided under these regulations; e.g., contract and specification acceptance services and certification of quantity. This voluntary grading service is available on a resident basis or a lot-fee bases. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using forms PY-100, PY-157, and PY-240.

*Need and Use of the Information:* AMS will collect information on the name, address, and the kind of services or benefits the respondents wish. The

information is used to administer and to conduct and carry out the grading services requested by the respondents. If the information is not collected, the Agency would not be able to provide the voluntary grading service authorized and requested by Congress under the AMA, to provide the types of services requested by industry, to administer the program, to ensure properly grade-labeled products, to calculate the cost of the service, and to collect for the cost furnishing service as required by section 203(h) of the AMA.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 643.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually; Monthly; Annually; Other.

*Total Burden Hours:* 5,602.

#### Foreign Agricultural Service

*Title:* List of Commodities by Firm Available for Exporting.

*OMB Control Number:* 0551-0031.

*Summary of Collection:* The AgExport Connections Office of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) facilitates trade contracts between U.S. exporters and foreign buyers seeking U.S. food and agricultural products. Authority for this program falls under 7 U.S.C. Part 1761. The U.S. Supplier List (USL) and Foreign Buyer List (FBL) services are designed to help U.S. firms make contact with export agents, trading companies, importers and foreign buyers and create an opportunity to sell their products in overseas markets. This service provides the U.S. firm an opportunity to have a data record providing basic information about the company and the products it exports put into a USDA maintained database. FAS will collect information using a combination of forms and telephone interviews.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FAS will collect information on contact names, mailing addresses, telephone, fax, email, and websites. The main purposes of the USL and FBL services is to foster trade contacts in an effort to facilitate greater export of U.S. agriculture food, forestry, and fishery products. The databases are used to recruit U.S. exporters, importers, and buyers to participate in market development activities sponsored by USDA. These databases must be updated periodically to maintain the integrity and usefulness to the trade community.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 29,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; Semi-annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,730.

**Nancy B. Sternberg,**

*Department Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Agricultural Research Service

##### Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent to Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention U.S. Patent No. 5,074,902 issued on December 24, 1991, entitled "Granular Products Containing Fungi Encapsulated in a Wheat Gluten Matrix for Biological Control of Weeds" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to United Agri Products, Inc., of Greeley, Colorado, an exclusive license to S.N. 07/560,791.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as United Agri Products, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the

requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-114-2]

##### AgrEvo USA Co.; Availability of Determination of Nonregulated Status for Canola Genetically Engineered for Male Sterility, Fertility Restoration, and Glufosinate Herbicide Tolerance

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public of our determination that certain canola transformation events developed by AgrEvo USA Company, which have been genetically engineered for male sterility, fertility restoration, and tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate, are no longer considered regulated articles under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by AgrEvo USA Company in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status and on our analysis of other scientific data. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination document and its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The determination, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, and the petition may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Susan Koehler, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4886. To obtain a copy of the determination or the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at