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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: June 3, 1999 (8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.).

Location: Ronald Reagan Building, Amphitheatre, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

This meeting, entitled "Whither Foreign Aid?" will focus on foreign assistance in the new millennium. Leading development thinkers will discuss the political, economic, environmental, and other trends that influence the foreign aid program. Speakers and participants will explore how the lessons learned over the past 50 years, and current international trends, are certain to shape how foreign assistance will look in the years to come. The meeting will also feature the formal presentation to the public of the ACVFA's working paper "USAID and Civil Society: Toward a Policy Framework."

The meeting is free and open to the public. **HOWEVER, NOTIFICATION BY JUNE 1, 1999 THROUGH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS IS REQUIRED.** Persons wishing to attend the meeting must fax their name, organization and phone number to Lisa J. Harrison (703) 741-0567.

Dated: May 11, 1999.

Noreen O'Meara,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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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 Application Serial No. 09/247,219 filed on February 10, 1999, entitled "Production of High Protein Concentrates" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to EnerGenetics International, Inc., of Nauvoo, Illinois, an exclusive license to S.N. 09/247,219.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 17, 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 EnerGenetics International, 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. 99-034-1]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Field Testing Marek's Disease—Newcastle Disease Vaccine, Serotypes 1 and 3, Live Marek's Disease Virus Vector

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact concerning authorization to ship for the purpose of field testing, and then to field test, an unlicensed live viral vaccine to protect poultry from Marek's disease and Newcastle disease. A risk analysis, which forms the basis for the environmental assessment, has led us to conclude that field testing this veterinary vaccine will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. We intend to authorize shipment of this vaccine for field testing 14 days after the date of this notice, unless new substantial issues bearing on the effects of this action are brought to our attention. We also intend to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine, provided the field test data support the conclusions of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact and the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact may be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the docket number, date, and complete title of this notice when requesting copies. Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) are available for public inspection 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 requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jeanette Greenberg, Technical Writer-Editor, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, USDA, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; telephone: (301) 734-5338; fax: (301) 734-4314; or e-mail: Jeanette.B.Greenberg@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy prelicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. Prior to conducting a field test on an unlicensed product, an applicant must obtain approval from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as well as obtain APHIS' authorization to ship the product for field testing.

In determining whether to authorize shipment and grant approval for the field testing of the unlicensed product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effects of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analysis, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment (EA). APHIS has concluded that field testing the unlicensed veterinary biological product will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding of no significant impact (FONSI), we have determined that there is no need to prepare an environmental impact statement.

An EA and FONSI have been prepared by APHIS concerning the field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester: Tri Bio Laboratories, Inc.

Product: Marek's Disease-Newcastle Disease Vaccine, Serotypes 1 and 3, Live Marek's Disease Virus Vector.

Field test locations: Wisconsin, North Carolina, and California.

The above-mentioned vaccine is for use as an aid in the prevention of Marek's disease and Newcastle disease in chickens. In this vaccine, the live vector is Marek's disease serotype 3 virus, also known as turkey herpesvirus, a nonpathogenic virus in widespread

use as a poultry vaccine since 1972. Genetic engineering procedures were used to insert into the vector virus two genes from Marek's disease serotype 1 virus and two genes from the Newcastle disease virus.

The 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) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to authorize shipment of the above product for the initiation of field tests 14 days from the date of this notice.

Because the issues raised by field testing and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA and FONSI that were generated for field testing would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field test data support the conclusions of the original EA and FONSI, APHIS does not intend to issue a separate EA to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151-159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of May 1999.

Joan M. Arnoldi,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Province Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on June 3, 1999 in Brookings, Oregon at the Best Western Brookings Inn located at 1143

Chetco Avenue. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Northwest Forest Plan implementation monitoring; (2) Aquatic Conservation Strategy; (3) Public comment; and (4) Current issues as perceived by Advisory Committee members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee Coordinator, USDA, Forest Service, Rogue River National Forest, 333 W. 8th Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, phone (541) 858-2322.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

Charles J. Anderson,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee Request for Public Comments

AGENCY: Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment on the potential market impact of proposed disposals of excess commodities currently held in the National Defense Stockpile.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee seeks public comment on the potential market impact of Department of Defense proposed new material disposal of zirconium ore, from the Stockpile under the Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Materials Plan (AMP). The Committee also seeks public comment on the Department of Defense plan to increase its current disposal levels for Vegetable Tannin Extract (Quebracho) and Thorium Nitrate under the AMP.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Richard V. Meyers, Co-Chair, Stockpile Market Impact Committee, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, Room 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; FAX (202) 501-0657.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard V. Meyers, Office of Strategic Industries and Economic Security, U.S.