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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.

Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3634; or Stephen H. Muller, Office of International Energy and Commodity Policy, U.S. Department of State, (202) 647-3423; co-chairs of the National Defense Stockpile Market Impact Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1979, as amended, (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), the Department of Defense (as National Defense Stockpile Manager) maintains a stockpile of strategic and critical materials to supply the military, industrial, and essential civilian needs of the United States for national defense. In making disposals and acquisitions of Stockpile materials, Defense is required by law to refrain from causing undue market disruption, while at the same time protecting the government against avoidable loss.

Section 3314 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) (50 U.S.C. 98h-1) formally established a Market Impact Committee (the Committee) to "advise the National Defense Stockpile Manager on the projected domestic and foreign economic effects of all acquisitions and disposals of materials from the stockpile" The Committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Commerce, State, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior, Treasury and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and State.

The Committee is now considering Defense's proposed new Stockpile material disposal level and revisions to current Stockpile material disposal levels under the FY 1999 AMP. The new Stockpile material listed in bold in

Attachment 1 cannot be sold until Congress has approved its disposal. It is expected that Congress will soon grant disposal authority.

The FY 1993 NDAA directs the Committee to "consult from time to time with representatives of producers, processors and consumers of the types of materials stored in the stockpile." In order for the Committee to obtain sufficient information to prepare its recommendations to Defense, the Committee hereby requests that interested parties provide comment on the potential market impact of the commodities identified in Attachment 1.

The attached AMP listing includes the proposed maximum disposal quantity for each material. These quantities are not sales target disposal quantities. They are only a statement of the proposed maximum disposal quantity of each material that may be sold in a particular fiscal year. The quantity of each material that will actually be offered for sale will depend on the market for the material at the time as well as on the quantity of material approved for disposal by Congress.

The Committee requests that interested parties provide written comments, supporting data and documentation, and any other relevant information on the potential market impact of the sale of these commodities. Although comments in response to this Notice must be received by June 18, 1999 to ensure full consideration by the Committee, interested parties are encouraged to submit additional comments and supporting information at any time thereafter to keep the Committee informed as to the market impact of the sale of these commodities.

Public comment is an important element of the Committee's market impact review process.

Public comments received will be made available at the Department of Commerce for public inspection and copying. Information that is national security classified or business confidential will be exempted from public disclosure. Anyone submitting business confidential information should clearly identify the business confidential portion of the submission and also provide a non-confidential submission that can be placed in the public file. Communications from agencies of the United States Government will not be made available for public inspection.

The public record concerning this notice will be maintained in the Bureau of Export Administration's Records Inspection Facility, Room 6883, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-0109. The records in this facility may be inspected and copied in accordance with the regulations published in Part 4 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR 4.1 *et seq.*).

Information about the inspection and copying of records at the facility may be obtained from Henry Gaston, the Bureau of Export Administration's Freedom of Information Officer, at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

Brad I. Botwin,

Acting Director, Strategic Industries and Economic Security.

Attachment 1

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CURRENT FY 1999 AMP

[The material in **bold** and *italic* is under congressional consideration]

	Units	Current FY 1999 quantity	Revised FY 1999 quantity
Thorium Nitrate	Lb	1,000,000	7,091,891
VTE, Quebracho	LT	10,000	16,000
Zirconium ore (baddeleyite)	SDT	0	17,383