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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. 5,725,863 (S.N. 07/756,346 filed September 6, 1991, entitled "Polypeptides Useful in Prevention of Chlamydia Infection" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to BTG International Inc., of Gulph Mills, Pennsylvania, an exclusive license to Serial No. 07/756,346.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-1158, 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 BTG 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

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Co-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. 5,591,434 issued on January 7, 1997, entitled "DNA Sequence Encoding Surface Protein of Cryptosporidium Parvum" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Merial Limited of Athens, Georgia, and Fort Dodge Animal Health Corporation of Overland Park, Kansas, co-exclusive license to S.N. 08/229,393.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 17, 2000.

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 Merial Limited and Fort Dodge Animal Health Corporation have submitted complete and sufficient applications for a license. The prospective co-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 co-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.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-054N]

National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings on December 8-10, 1999. On December 8-9, 1999, NACMCF will discuss recent research and other information related to performance criteria for fresh juice, in particular citrus juices, and on December 10, 1999, the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) will present issues related to the risk assessment models under development to examine the relationship between *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 in ground beef and human health. The sponsoring agencies invite comments on issues related to these meetings.

DATES: The full committee will meet on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 8-10, 1999, beginning at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Doyle Hotel, Doyle Ballroom, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue (Dupont Circle), Washington, DC 20036, telephone (202) 483-6000. Submit one original and two copies of written comments on the risk assessment models to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket #99-054N, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Persons wishing to register for the meeting or submit comments on fresh citrus juice should, by December 1, 1999, contact Ms. Catherine M. DeRoeever, telephone (202) 205-4251,

fax (202) 205-4970, or e-mail cderoeve@bangate.fda.gov. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Ms. DeRoeve (fax number above) by December 1, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NACMCF provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the microbiological safety of foods. The Committee also provides advice to the Departments of Commerce and Defense. Dr. I. Kaye Wachsmuth, Deputy Administrator, Office of Public Health and Science, FSIS, is the Committee Chair.

Additional Public Notification

Public meetings generally are designed to provide information and receive public comments on issues that may lead to new or revised agency regulations or instructions. Public involvement in all segments of rulemaking and policy development are important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are aware of this public meeting and are informed about the mechanism for providing their comments, FSIS will announce it and provide copies of this **Federal Register** publication in the FSIS Constituent Update.

FSIS provides a weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which is communicated via fax to over 300 organizations and individuals. In addition, the update is available on line through the FSIS web page located at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. The update is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and any other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents/stakeholders. The constituent fax list consists of industry, trade, and farm groups, consumer interest groups, allied health professionals, scientific professionals, and other individuals that have requested to be included. Through these various channels, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. For more information and to be added to the constituent fax list, fax your request to the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, at (202) 720-5704.

Done at Washington, DC, on November 15, 1999.

Thomas J. Billy,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-053N]

Technical Conference on the Sanitation Performance Standard Regulation

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a public meeting on December 8-9, 1999, regarding FSIS's final rule, "Sanitation Requirements for Official Meat and Poultry Establishments." At the meeting, participants will have an opportunity to discuss technical issues related to the sanitation performance standards. A steering committee made up of people from the Agency, industry, trade associations, and academia is developing the meeting agenda.

DATES: The public meeting will be held December 8-9, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on the 8th and from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on the 9th.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 1616 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, Telephone (402) 346-7600. The meeting is open to the public on a space-available basis. To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Gaye Gerard of the FSIS's Technical Service Center on or before December 6, 1999, by Telephone (402) 221-7400, FAX (402) 221-7438, or e-mail gaye.gerard@usda.gov. Attendees who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation should contact Ms. Gerard at the above numbers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karlease Kelly, Technical Service Center, Office of Field Operations, Food Safety and Inspection Service, US Department of Agriculture, Suite 300, Landmark Center, 1299 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102, Telephone 402-221-7400, FAX 402-221-7421 or e-mail karlease.kelly@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 20, 1999, FSIS published the final rule, "Sanitation Requirements for Official Meat and Poultry Establishments" (64 FR 56400). This final rule revised the regulatory

requirements concerning sanitation in official meat and poultry establishments. Specifically, the rule consolidated sanitation regulations into a single part applicable to both official meat and poultry establishments, eliminating unnecessary differences between the sanitation requirements for meat and poultry processing, and converting many of the highly prescriptive sanitation requirements to performance standards. The final rule will be effective on January 25, 2000.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the intent of the regulation and to discuss technical issues related to the general sanitation provisions covered by the new regulations before they become effective.

Departmental Regulation 4300-4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis"

Pursuant to Department Regulation 4300-4, "Civil Rights Impact Analysis," dated September 22, 1993, FSIS has considered the potential civil rights impact of this meeting on minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. This notice is designed to provide information to the public. Public involvement is important. Consequently, in an effort to better ensure that minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are made aware of this public meeting FSIS will announce the publication of this **Federal Register** notice in the FSIS Constituent Update.

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