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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-009-1]

Availability of Environmental Assessments and Findings of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that five environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the issuance and renewal of permits to allow the field testing of genetically engineered organisms. The environmental assessments provide a basis for our conclusion that the field testing of the genetically engineered organisms will not present a risk of introducing or disseminating a plant pest and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its findings of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has

determined that environmental impact statements need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact 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. Arnold Foudin, Deputy Director, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection, Biotechnology Permits, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237. The telephone number for the agency will change when agency offices in Hyattsville, MD, move to Riverdale, MD, during February. Telephone: (301) 436-7612 (Hyattsville); (301) 734-7612 (Riverdale). For copies of the environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact, write to Mr. Clayton Givens at the same address. Please refer to the permit numbers listed below when ordering documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340 (referred to below as the regulations) regulate the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment) of genetically engineered organisms and products that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests (regulated articles). A permit must be obtained before a regulated article may be introduced into

the United States. The regulations set forth the procedures for obtaining a limited permit for the importation or interstate movement of a regulated article and for obtaining a permit for the release into the environment of a regulated article. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has stated that it would prepare an environmental assessment and, when necessary, an environmental impact statement before issuing a permit for the release into the environment of a regulated article (see 52 FR 22906).

In the course of reviewing each permit application, APHIS assessed the impact on the environment that releasing the organisms under the conditions described in the permit application would have. APHIS has issued permits for the field testing of the organisms listed below after concluding that the organisms will not present a risk of plant pest introduction or dissemination and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. The environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact, which are based on data submitted by the applicants and on a review of other relevant literature, provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impacts associated with conducting the field tests.

Environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared by APHIS relative to the issuance and renewal of permits to allow the field testing of the following genetically engineered organisms:

Permit No.	Permittee	Date issued	Organisms	Field test location
94-284-01	University of Chicago	1-06-95	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> plants genetically engineered to express tolerance to the herbicide chlorsulfuron.	Illinois.
94-326-01	University of Chicago	1-06-95	Rapeseed plants genetically engineered to express either a gene from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>kurstaki</i> for resistance to lepidopteran insects or a gene from potato plants for resistance to chewing insects.	Illinois.
94-306-01	Union Camp Corporation ...	1-26-95	American sweetgum trees genetically engineered to express a gene for tolerance to the herbicide 2, 4-D.	Georgia.
94-326-03, renewal of permit 94-055-01, issued on 4-13-94.	Upjohn Company	1-26-95	Tomato plants genetically engineered for resistance to tomato spotted wilt virus.	Georgia.
94-326-04, renewal of permit 94-055-02, issued on 6-16-94.	Upjohn Company	1-26-95	Cucumber plants genetically engineered for resistance to cucumber mosaic virus, watermelon mosaic virus 2, and zucchini yellow mosaic virus.	Michigan.

The environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (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 Guidelines Implementing NEPA (44 FR 50381-50384, August 28, 1979, and 44 FR 51272-51274, August 31, 1979).

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

U.S. Government Sponsored Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC); Seminars for the Chemical and Related Industry

AGENCIES: Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) and the Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: ACDA and DOC will sponsor regional one-day seminars to explain the CWC and its significance for U.S. industry.

SUMMARY: The Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) will directly affect a significant number of private sector chemical producers, consumers and processors. The CWC imposes requirements on certain industrial facilities. Depending on the specific chemical, the CWC requires:

- Detailed reports of the quantities produced, processed, or consumed in your facilities;
 - Detailed production plans and site (plant) information;
 - Short-notice on-site inspections of industry facilities and records by international inspection teams.
- The key issues for U.S. chemical and related industry managers:
- Compliance with CWC Requirements;
 - Protection of confidential/proprietary business information;
 - Prevention of adverse publicity/controversy;
 - Prevention of unnecessary costs/production disruptions;
 - Inspection readiness;
 - Schedule for implementation.

The U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) are sponsoring regional one-day seminars to explain the CWC, the domestic draft implementation legislation that is currently being reviewed by the Senate, and their significance to U.S. industry. You are invited to attend one of the following:

- Atlanta, GA April 6, 1995.
- Oakland, CA April 20, 1995.
- Newark, NJ April 26, 1995.
- Washington, DC May 2, 1995.
- Houston, TX May 11, 1995.
- Detroit, MI May 18, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For registration materials and more information on how the CWC affects your company, contact: Naomi Lopez, EAI Corporation, 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 302, Alexandria, VA 22314-4679, Telephone: (800) 528-1041 or (703) 739-1033, Fax: (703) 739-1525.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

ACTION: To Give Firms an Opportunity to Comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 01/19/95-02/15/95

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Ball Variometers, Inc	6595 Odell Place, Suite C, Boulder, CO 80301.	12/20/94	Variometers—Electrical Instruments for Aeronautical use.
Kashier Specialties DBA Redford Coffee .	5302 E. Harbor Rd., P.O. Box 1430, Freeland, WA 98249.	01/12/95	Textile Filters.
Binder Brothers Incorporated	663 Grand Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ 07657	01/25/95	Jewelry.
Electro Plasma, Inc	4400 Martin-Moline Road, Millbury, OH 43447.	01/26/95	Information display panels which can be used as a replacement for CRT's.
Silver Cloud, Inc	2417 Baylor, Southeast, Albuquerque, NM 87106.	02/01/95	Jewelry.
Water & Power Technologies, Inc	3740 West 1987 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84127-0836.	02/02/95	Reverse osmosis equipment for the purpose of filtrating and dionizing water for purification.
Interplex Electronics, Inc	70 Fulton Terrace, New Haven, CT 06512.	02/06/95	Breadboards, Electronic Trainers and Custom Electronic Trainers.
Orscheln Co. (including Elisha Technologies Co.).	1177 N. Morley, Moberly, MO 65270	02/08/95	Levers, Cables, Fittings and Plating.
Jilarous, Inc	35 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10018-7906.	02/10/95	Jewelry—Earrings.
Geophysical Survey Systems, Inc	13 Klein Drive, North Salem, NH 03073 ..	02/13/95	Subsurface Interface Radar Systems.
Harrington Mold/California Pony Cars	1906 Quaker Ridge, Ontario, CA 91761 ..	02/13/95	Production Molds and Auto Parts—Mirrors, Horns, Bracket, Insignia, etc.
Nulco Manufacturing Corporation	30 Beecher St., Pawtucket, RI 02862	02/15/95	Chandeliers.
Klein Bicycle Corporation	118 Klein Road, Chehalis, WA 98532	02/17/95	Bicycle Frames.