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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95–015–1]

Determination of Nonregulated Status for Additional Calgene, Inc., Genetically Engineered FLAVR SAVR™ Tomato Lines

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is announcing that it has added 20 additional genetically engineered tomato lines to those subject to its October 19, 1992, interpretive ruling that the subject FLAVR SAVR™ lines need no longer be regulated. The effect of this action is that 20 additional delayed softening tomato lines, which have been modified by the incorporation of genetic material described by Calgene, Inc., in its initial request for an interpretive ruling, will no longer be subject to regulation under 7 CFR part 340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Keith Reding, Biotechnologist, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection, Biotechnology Permits, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1228; (301) 734–7612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 1992, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published in the **Federal Register** (57 FR 47608–47616, Docket No. 92–087–2) a notice announcing the issuance of an interpretive ruling that the Calgene, Inc., FLAVR SAVR™ tomato does not present a plant pest risk and is not a regulated article under the regulations contained in 7 CFR part 340. This action was in response to a petition submitted by Calgene seeking a determination from APHIS that its FLAVR SAVR™ tomato no longer be deemed a regulated article, based on an absence of plant pest risk. The effect of the action was that previously field tested lines of the FLAVR SAVR™ tomato and their progeny would no longer be regulated under these regulations.

FLAVR SAVR™ tomatoes were defined by Calgene in its initial petition to include any tomatoes transformed with one of seven identified plasmid vectors that all carry an antisense copy of the tomato polygalacturonase gene and a bacterial neomycin phosphotransferase gene with associated regulatory sequences. Calgene's initial request to APHIS in 1992 was for a determination pertaining to all FLAVR SAVR™ transformants produced in tomatoes using any one of the seven plasmid vectors. Calgene indicated in its petition that data provided to the Agency were representative of the data gathered for all lines tested up to that time. The initial determination announced by APHIS on October 19, 1992, only applied to those lines that had already been field tested. However, APHIS indicated that new lines were likely to exhibit properties similar to those of lines already field tested under permit. The determination also allowed for cross-breeding of the identified FLAVR SAVR™ tomato lines with any other lines or cultivars of tomato without a permit. One additional FLAVR SAVR™ tomato line was added to the original determination on October 3, 1994 (59 FR 50220, Docket No. 94–096–1), and nine additional FLAVR SAVR™ tomato lines were added to the original determination on November 18, 1994 (59 FR 59746, Docket No. 94–125–1).

Seventeen of the 20 additional FLAVR SAVR™—tomato lines that are the subject of this notice were constructed using the plasmid vector pCGN4109, and the remaining three lines were constructed using the plasmid vector pCGN1436. These two vectors were among the seven included in Calgene's initial petition to APHIS. In our determination of October 19, 1992, the lines using these vectors were not deregulated because they had not been field tested. These lines have since been field tested in accordance with APHIS regulations at 7 CFR part 340, and data provided to APHIS indicate that the new transformants, produced in a manner identical to the earlier transformant lines, behave similarly to those earlier FLAVR SAVR™ tomato lines to which the determination initially applied. Reports from field trials and other data indicate that the new tomato lines grow normally, exhibit the expected morphological, reproductive, and physiological properties, and do not have unexpected pest or disease susceptibility or symptoms. Therefore, the APHIS determination of nonregulated status of October 19, 1992, applies as well to the new transformed lines.

Done in Washington, DC, this 16th day of March 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Forest Service

Southwest Oregon Provincial Interagency Executive Committee (PIEC), Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Oregon PIEC Advisory Committee will meet on April 20, 1995 at the Medford Bureau of Land Management Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Context of the Advisory Committee; including background on the President's Forest Plan; (2) Introduction of members and orientation; (3) Meeting operating guidelines; (4) Mission and purpose of the Province Advisory Committee and its relationship to the PIEC; (5) Brief presentation by Advisory Committee members on who they represent; and (6) Open public forum. All Southwest Oregon Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Chuck Anderson, Province Advisory Committee staff, USDA, Rogue River National Forest, P.O. Box 520, Medford, Oregon 97501, 503–858–2322.