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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-018-1]

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 four environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the issuance or 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 20737-1228; (301) 734-7612. 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 or renewal of permits to allow the field testing of the following genetically engineered organisms:

Permit number	Permittee	Date issued	Organisms	Field test location
94-326-05, renewal of permit 94-055-03, issued on 5-04-94.	Asgrow Seed Company	2-07-95	Watermelon plants genetically engineered to express resistance to watermelon mosaic virus 2, and zucchini yellow mosaic virus.	Michigan.
94-332-01, renewal of permit 94-060-01, issued on 6-01-94.	Asgrow Seed Company	2-08-95	Lettuce plants genetically engineered to express resistance to tomato spotted wilt virus.	Georgia.
94-200-01	University of Georgia	2-09-95	Canola plants genetically engineered for insect resistance.	Georgia.
94-326-07, renewal of permit 94-090-05, issued on 6-17-94.	Upjohn Company	2-09-95	Cantaloupe plants genetically engineered for resistance to cucumber mosaic virus, watermelon mosaic virus 2, zucchini yellow mosaic virus, papaya ringspot virus, and squash mosaic virus.	California, Georgia, and 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 5th day of April 1995.

Alex B. Thiermann,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Forestry Research Advisory Council; Meeting

According to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1987, (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Department of Agriculture announces the following meeting:

Name: Forestry Research Advisory Council.

Date: May 10-11, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Governor's House Hotel, 17th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting if time and space permit.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting by contacting the person below.

Purpose: The council agenda will include: the Forestry Research and Education Initiative; 1995 Farm Bill; National Science and Technology Council strategy; performance measures for research; review of the Cooperative Forestry Research Program (McIntire-Stennis); and other current research issues.

Contact Person for Agenda and More Information: Jerry A. SESCO, Forest Service, 14th & Independence SW, P.O. Box 96090, Washington, D.C., 20090-6090; telephone (202) 205-1665.

Dated: April 4, 1995.

William D. Carlson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

The President's Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

April 5, 1995.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended 5 U.S.C. App. (1988), the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency announces the following Presidential Committee and meeting:

Name: Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC).

Date: April 26, 1995.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: State Department Building, 320 21st Street N.W., Room 4930, Washington, D.C.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact: Robert Sherman, Executive Director, Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee, Room 4930, Washington, D.C. 20451, (202) 647-4622.

Purpose of Advisory Committee: To advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Committee will review specific arms control, nonproliferation, and verification issues. Members will be briefed on current U.S. policy regarding negotiations on extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and the Conventional Weapons Convention, and on issues regarding those negotiations. Members will also be briefed on issues regarding the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. Members will exchange information and concepts with key ACDA personnel. The entire meeting will be held in Executive Session.

Reason for Closing: The SPAC members will be reviewing and discussing matters specifically authorized Executive Order 12356 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy.

Authority to Close Meeting: The closing of this meeting is in accordance with a determination by the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency dated March 27, 1995, made pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

Cathleen Lawrence,

Director of Administration.

Determination To Close Meeting of the Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee

The Scientific and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) will hold a meeting in Washington, D.C., on April 26, 1995. The Arms Control and Disarmament Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. sec. 2566) provides for the SPAC to advise the President, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency respecting scientific, technical, and policy matters affecting arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

The entire agenda of this meeting will be devoted to specific national security policy and arms control issues. In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), it has been determined that discussion during the meeting will necessarily involve consideration of matters recognized as not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). Materials to be discussed at the meeting have been properly classified and are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12356 to be kept secret in the interests of national defense and foreign policy.

Therefore, in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), I have determined that, because of the need to protect the confidentiality of such national security matters, this meeting should be closed to the public.

John D. Holum,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 733]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone in the Richmond, VA, Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Capital Region Airport Commission (the Grantee) has made application to the Board (FTZ Doc. 5-94, 59 FR 5174, 2/3/94; amended, 5/19/94) requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at the Richmond International Airport, Henrico County, Virginia, within the Richmond-Petersburg Customs port of entry; and

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register** and the Board has found that the requirements of the Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application, as amended, is in the public interest;