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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to biosys of Palo Alto, California an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,061,697 issued October 29, 1991, (S.N. 07/389,090), "Adherent Autoencapsulating Spray Formulations of Biocontrol Agents." Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register on December 19, 1989. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 401, Building 005, BARC-West, Baltimore Boulevard, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

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 biosys 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 sixty 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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Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-007N]

International Standard-Setting Activities

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), in accordance with section 491 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, Public Law 103-465, 108 Stat. 4809 (1994), and seeks comments on standards currently under consideration and recommendations for new standards. This notice covers the time periods from June 1, 1994, to May 31, 1995, and May 31, 1995, to June 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments in triplicate to Diane Moore, Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4352-S, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Please state that your comments refer to Codex and, if your comments relate to specific Codex committees, please identify those committees in your comments. All comments submitted in response to the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of Codex will be available for public inspection in the Docket Clerk's Office between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius, Office of the U.S. Codex Alimentarius, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, West End Court, Room 311, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 254-2517. For information pertaining to particular committees, the delegate of that committee may be contacted. (A complete list of U.S.

delegates and alternate delegates can be found in *Appendix 1* to this notice.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established on January 1, 1995, as the common international institutional framework for the conduct of trade relations among its members in matters related to the Uruguay Round Agreements. The WTO is the successor organization to the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). U.S. membership in the WTO was approved by Congress when it enacted the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, which was signed into law by the President on December 8, 1994. Pursuant to section 491 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, as amended, the President is required to designate an agency to be responsible for informing the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization, the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), International Office of Epizootics (OIE), and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The President, pursuant to Proclamation No. 6780 of March 23, 1995 (60 FR 15845), designated the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the agency responsible for informing the public of sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization. The Secretary of Agriculture is delegating to the Under Secretary for Food Safety the responsibility to inform the public of the SPS standard-setting activities of Codex. The Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety has, in turn, assigned the responsibility for informing the public to the Office of U.S. Codex Alimentarius in the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), was created in 1962 by two U.N. organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees and by