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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-034-1]

Availability of Information on Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice pertains to information concerning the receipt of permit applications and issuance of permits by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for environmental releases of certain genetically engineered organisms. The purpose of this notice is to advise interested persons of the availability of this information on the Internet service and through lists prepared on a monthly basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Foudin, Deputy Director, Biotechnology Permits, BBEP, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-7612. For assistance in gaining access to information on the Internet contact Dr. Keith Reding, and for a list of environmental release permit applications received and permits issued contact Mr. Clayton Givens at this same address and telephone number.

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 or a notification acknowledged before a regulated article may be introduced into the United States.

In order to provide information to the public in a timely manner about the regulatory activities administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under 7 CFR part 340, we have made information, except that claimed as trade secret or confidential business information, available on the Internet. The information available includes records of environmental release permits and notifications, movement permits and notifications, and petitions for nonregulated status received and approved. The Internet address for Biotechnology Permits on the APHIS World Wide Web is: URL: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/BBEP/BP>. For assistance in using the Internet for access to the APHIS Biotechnology Permits Home Page, please refer to the individual listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Information about environmental releases conducted under permit is also available in hard copy form. To obtain a copy of the monthly lists of environmental release permit applications received and permits issued, please refer to the person designated above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In accordance with the provisions of APHIS' National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 1995 (60 FR 6000-6005, Docket No. 93-165-3), and effective on March 3, 1995, APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of an environmental assessment when one is prepared for an environmental release permit.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of May 1995.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-020N]

National Consultation on Foodborne Diseases and Animal Production Food Hygiene

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the World Health Organization are co-hosting a consultation, "National Consultation on Foodborne Diseases and Animal Production Food Hygiene," on June 8, 1995, at the Sphinx Club, 1315 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The purpose of the consultation is to explore ways to refine and advance strategies to assure the safety of meat and poultry products as well as discuss the rationale and significance of international animal production (preharvest) food hygiene activities in foodborne disease control programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margaret Webb, Communications and Public Affairs, FSIS Animal Production Food Safety Program, FSIS, USDA, (202) 690-2683.

To register to attend, call Ms. Jennifer Callahan (202) 501-7136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The consultation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. The consultation will primarily focus on the economic and public health impact of foodborne diseases and the contribution animal production hygiene can make to pathogen control under prevailing conditions in different regions of the world.

Seating space for observers at the forum is limited. Early registration is recommended. Please call Ms. Jennifer Callahan if you wish to attend the consultation (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Observers attending the consultation will be responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

Done at Washington, DC, on: May 17, 1995.

Michael R. Taylor,

Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.

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[Docket No. 95-018N]

Codex Alimentarius: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the