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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 Opta Food Ingredients, Inc. of Bedford, Massachusetts, and to American Maize-Products Company of Hammond, Indiana, co-exclusive licenses to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/991,811 filed December 17, 1992, "Starch-Natural Gum Composite Compositions as Thickening and Suspending Agents." Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 1993.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 31, 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 Opta Food Ingredients, Inc. and American Maize-Products Company have submitted complete and sufficient applications for a license. The prospective co-exclusive licenses 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 co-exclusive licenses 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 licenses would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

R.M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-038-1]

International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standard-Setting Activities

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with legislation implementing the Uruguay Round of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade, we are informing the public of international standard-setting activities of the Office International des Epizooties and the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, and we are soliciting public comment on the standards to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-038-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state in your letter that your comments refer to Docket No. 95-038-1, and state the name of the committee or working group to which your comments are addressed. Comments received may be inspected 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 comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Barnett, Assistant Director, International Activities, International Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 67, Riverdale, MD 20737-1233, (301) 734-8892; or Mr. John Greifer, Trade

Support Team, International Services, APHIS, room 1128, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Legislation implementing the Uruguay Round of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (the Uruguay Round Agreements Act) was signed into law (Pub. L. 103-465) by the President on December 8, 1994. The Uruguay Round Agreements Act amended title IV of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (19 U.S.C. 2531 *et seq.*) by adding a new subtitle F, "International Standard-Setting Activities." Subtitle F requires the President to designate an agency to be responsible for informing the public of the sanitary and phytosanitary standard-setting activities of each international standard-setting organization. The designated agency must inform the public by publishing a notice in the **Federal Register** no later than June 1 of each year, which provides the following information: (1) The sanitary or phytosanitary standards under consideration or planned for consideration by the international standard-setting organization; and (2) for each sanitary or phytosanitary standard specified, a description of the consideration or planned consideration of the standard; whether the United States is participating or plans to participate in the consideration of the standard; the agenda for United States participation, if any; and the agency responsible for representing the United States with respect to the standard.

Subtitle F defines "international standard" as a standard, guideline, or recommendation: (1) Adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission regarding food safety; (2) developed under the auspices of the International Office of Epizootics regarding animal health and zoonoses; (3) developed under the auspices of the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention in cooperation with the North American Plant Protection Organization regarding plant health; or (4) established by or developed under any other international organization agreed to by the member countries of the North American Free Trade Agreement or by member countries of the World Trade Organization.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) was created in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food