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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-059-1]

Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact for the field testing of an unlicensed veterinary biological product. A risk analysis, which forms the basis for the environmental assessment, has led us to conclude that field testing this unlicensed veterinary biological product will not have a significant impact on the

quality of the human environment. Based on our finding of no significant impact, we have determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact may be obtained by writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the docket number and publication date of this notice, as well as the first two words of the product name, when requesting copies. Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) are also 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. Jeanette Greenberg, Veterinary Biologics, BBEP, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; telephone (301) 734-8400; fax (301) 734-8910; or E-mail: jgreenberg@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151

et seq.), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy preclicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. In order to ship an unlicensed veterinary biological product for the purpose of conducting a proposed field test, a person must receive authorization from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

In determining whether to authorize shipment for field testing the unlicensed veterinary biological product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effect of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on that risk analysis, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment. APHIS has concluded that field testing this unlicensed veterinary biological product will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Based on this finding of no significant impact, we have determined that there is no need to prepare an environmental impact statement.

An environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact have been prepared for field testing the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester	Product	Field test locations
Oxford Veterinary Laboratories, Inc	Feline Rhinotracheitis Vaccine, Modified Live Virus	California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska.

The environmental assessment and finding 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' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Unless substantial environmental issues are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to authorize the shipment of the above product and the initiation of the field tests on September 12, 1996.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of August 1996.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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[Docket No. 96-064-2]

Procedures for Importing Animals Through the Harry S. Truman Animal Import Center

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is correcting the telephone number of the person listed under for further information contact in a notice that was published in the Federal Register on August 23, 1996 (61 FR 43521). The notice announced the date and location of the lottery for authorization of the use of the Harry S Truman Animal Import Center in calendar year 1997, and also the period during which applications must be received to be included in the lottery.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joan Montgomery, Staff Specialist, Import-Export Animals Staff, National Center for Import-Export, VS, APHIS, Suite 3B30, 4700 River Road Unit 39,