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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent 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 an exclusive patent license in certain fields to Genespan Corporation of Redmond, Washington. The invention to be licensed is U.S. Patent 5,532,156, "Hepatocyte Cell Line derived from the Epiblast of Pig Blastocysts," granted on July 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA-ARS-Office of Technology Transfer, 10300 Baltimore Boulevard, Building 005, Room 401, BARC-W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Willard J. Phelps of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone 301-504-6532.

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 said company has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license, promising therein to bring the benefits of said invention to the U.S. public. The prospective partially exclusive license will be royalty-bearing, will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective partially exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty calendar 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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Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the Market Access Program, formerly the Market Promotion Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 11, 1997.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Sharon L. McClure, Director, Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042, (202) 720-4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Market Access Program.

OMB Number: 0551-0027.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1997.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The primary objective of the Market Access Program is to encourage the development, maintenance and expansion of commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural products through cost-share assistance to eligible trade organizations that implement a foreign market development program. Financial assistance under this program is made available on a competitive basis. Currently, there are more than 70

organizations participating directly in the program with activities in more than 100 countries. The Market access Program is administered by personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

Prior to initiating program activities, Participants must submit detailed activity plans to FAS which include country strategies, goals and benchmarks, proposed activities, estimated budgets, and performance measurements. Each Participant is also responsible for submitting: (1) Reimbursement claims for costs incurred as outlines in the activity plans, (2) and end-of-year contribution report, (3) travel reports, and (4) program evaluations. Participants must maintain records on all information submitted to FAS. The information collected is used by FAS to manage, plan, evaluate and account for Government resources. The reports and records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 77 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit organizations, state groups, cooperatives, and commercial entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 78,460.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Valerie Countiss, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-6713.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information, to: Sharon L. McClure, Director, Marketing Operations Staff, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1042, Washington, DC 20250-1042.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.