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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

#### Board of Directors Meeting

TIME: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.

PLACE: ADF Headquarters.

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 1998

STATUS: Open.

#### Agenda

Wednesday, February 11, 1998.

9:00 a.m. Chairman's Report

10:00 a.m. President's Report

12:00 noon Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Ms. Janis McCollim, Executive Assistant to the President, who can be reached at (202) 673-3916.

**William R. Ford,**

*President.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of Strategic Planning Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, currently consisting of 14 members, is scheduled to meet for the fourth of eight planned meetings. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Baton Rouge Hilton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on February 22 and concluding at 3:00 p.m. on February 24. The meeting will be a

review of the Task Force progress in data collection and will devote 1 day to a discussion regarding the proposed instrument to evaluate intramural facilities.

*Times and Dates:* February 22, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.; February 23, 1998, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and February 24, 1998, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Baton Rouge Hilton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

*Type of Meeting:* Open to the public.  
*Comments:* The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mitch Geasler, Project Director, Strategic Planning Task Force on Research Facilities, Room 344-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0113. Telephone 202-720-3803.

Done at Washington, D.C., on this 3rd Day of February 1998.

**I. Miley Gonzalez,**

*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-091-2]

#### AgrEvo USA Co.; Availability of Determination of Nonregulated Status for Canola Genetically Engineered for Glufosinate Herbicide Tolerance

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public of our determination that AgrEvo USA Company's canola designated as Transformation Event T45, which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate, is no longer considered a regulated article under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by AgrEvo USA Company in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status

and an analysis of other scientific data. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination document and its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 29, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The determination, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, and the petition 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 those documents are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. James Lackey, Biotechnology Evaluation, BSS, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-6748. To obtain a copy of the determination or the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-4885; *e-mail:* mkpeteron@aphis.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On July 24, 1997, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) received a petition (APHIS Petition No. 97-205-01p) from AgrEvo USA Company (AgrEvo) of Wilmington, DE, seeking a determination that canola (*Brassica napus* L.) designated as Transformation Event T45 (event T45), which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate, does not present a plant pest risk and, therefore, is not a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

On September 30, 1997, APHIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 51081-51082, Docket No. 97-091-1) announcing that the AgrEvo petition had been received and was available for public review. The notice also discussed the role of APHIS, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Food and Drug Administration in regulating the subject canola and food products derived from it. In the notice, APHIS solicited written comments from the public as to whether this canola posed a plant pest risk. The comments were to have been received by APHIS on