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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Federal Invention Available for Licensing and Intent To Grant Exclusive License

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a Federally owned invention U.S. Serial No. 09/053,261-601 filed March 6, 1998, entitled "Modified Live *Edwardsiella ictaluri* Against Enteric Septicemia in Channel Catfish" is available for licensing and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Intervet, Inc., of Millsboro, Delaware, an exclusive license to Serial No. 09/053,261-601.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, 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 Intervet, Inc., has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license 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 exclusive license may be granted unless, within ninety (90) 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.

**Richard M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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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 Satake USA Inc., of Modesto, California, an exclusive license to S.N. 07/550,310-601, "Machine Vision Apparatus and Method for Sorting Objects" filed October 30, 1995, Patent No. 5,703,784 issued on December 30, 1997. Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 1996.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 11, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, 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 Satake USA Inc., submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license 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 exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) 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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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-035N]

#### Salmonella Enteritidis Risk Assessment: Shell Eggs and Egg Products; Availability of Document

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In December 1996, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) began a comprehensive risk assessment of *Salmonella enterica* serotype Enteritidis (*Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE)) in response to an increasing number of human illnesses associated with the consumption of shell eggs and egg products. The final report on risk assessment is now available on the FSIS website and in the FSIS Docket Room. This document summarizes the risk assessment process from the development of a conceptual framework through the incorporation of available data into a comprehensive quantitative model, which characterizes the public health effects associated with the consumption of SE-infected shell eggs and egg products.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available electronically on the FSIS website at <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/ophs/risk/index.htm>. Hard copies of the executive summary are available in the FSIS Docket Room, Room 102, Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ruth A. Etzel, Director, Epidemiology and Risk Assessment Division, Office of Public Health and Science, by telephone at (202) 501-7472 or by FAX at (202) 501-6982.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The risk assessment model consists of five modules. The Egg Production Module estimates the number of eggs produced that are infected (or internally contaminated) with SE. The Shell Module, the Egg Products Module, and