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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Secretary's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has reestablished the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology. The Secretary of Agriculture has determined that the Committee is necessary and in the public interest.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail [mschechtman@ars.usda.gov](mailto:mschechtman@ars.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on a broad range of policy issues related to expanding dimensions and importance of agricultural biotechnology.

Done in Washington, DC, this 2d day of July, 2001.

**Lou Gallegos,**

*Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Office of the Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Notice of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (ACAB).

**DATES:** August 1 and 2, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days.

**ADDRESSES:** John Jay Room at the Hay-Adams Hotel, 16th and H Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 12th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250; Telephone (202) 720-3817; Fax (202) 690-4265; E-mail [mschechtman@ars.usda.gov](mailto:mschechtman@ars.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The fifth meeting of the ACAB has been scheduled for August 1-2, 2001. The topics to be discussed will include: (1) USDA biotechnology budget priorities for the FY 2003 budget; (2) continued discussion on a draft ACAB report on the future of public plant breeding programs; and (3) continued discussion on gene flow from transgenic crops to other plants and current and potential USDA roles in addressing the issues presented. There will in addition be several updates on current biotechnology developments and on ongoing USDA biotechnology-related activities.

Background information regarding the work of the ACAB is available on the USDA web site at <http://www.usda.gov/agencies/biotech/acab.html>. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should also inform Dr. Schechtman in writing or via E-mail at the indicated addresses at least three business days before the meeting. On August 1, 2001, if time permits, reasonable provision will be made for

oral presentations of no more than five minutes each in duration.

The meeting will be open to the public, but space is limited. If you would like to attend the meetings, you must register by contacting Ms. Vanessa Simon at (202) 690-8647, by fax at (202) 720-3191 or by E-mail at [vsimon@ars.usda.gov](mailto:vsimon@ars.usda.gov) at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Please provide your name, title, business affiliation, address, telephone, and fax number when you register. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation due to disability, please indicate those needs at the time of registration.

**Edward B. Knipling,**

*Associate Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Request for Public Comments on Administration of the Speciality Sugar Allocation of the Refined Sugar Tariff- Rate Quota

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public comments on the administration of the allocation of the speciality sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ), which is an administrative breakout of the refined sugar TRQ provided for in Additional U.S. Note 5 (a)(i) of Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before July 31, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed or delivered to the Director, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., AgStop 1021, Washington DC 20250-1021, or e-mailed to [Blabey@fas.usda.gov](mailto:Blabey@fas.usda.gov). Comments received may be inspected between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at room 5531-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Blabey at the address above, or