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29964–EUP–5. Issuance. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., P.O. Box 552, Johnston, Iowa 50131–0552. This EUP allows the use of the plant-incorporated protectant *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34/35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production (from the insert of plasmid PHP17662) in corn on 624 acres of field corn to conduct insect resistance management, maize agronomic observation, maize breeding and observation nursery, maize demonstration, maize efficacy, maize hybrid production plots, maize regulatory field studies, non-target organism, and herbicide tolerance trials. The program is authorized only in the States of California, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The EUP is effective from June 24, 2003 to May 1, 2004.

A tolerance has been established for residues of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production in corn when used as plant-incorporated protectants in the food and feed commodities of field corn, sweet corn, and popcorn.

The **Federal Register** document announcing receipt of these and other Cry34/35Ab1 EUPs (68 FR 12073) (FRL–7286–3) received 42 comments, with 4 of these being received after the comment due date. Thirty commentors were in favor of EPA granting the EUPs. Twelve commentors urged the Agency not to approve them. Commentors included farmers and other private citizens, medium to smaller seed

companies, the American Soybean Association, and the environmental groups Hawaii Genetic Engineering Action Network and Earthjustice.

Commentors in favor of EPA granting the EUPs cited the reduced use of conventional insecticides, insect resistant management benefits, a lack of antibiotic resistance marker proteins in the Cry34/35Ab1 corn products, the need for competition in the marketplace for rootworm resistant corn, and the need to test the products this season. Commentors against EPA's granting of the permits cited that there was no tolerance exemption for Cry34/35Ab1, allergen and toxin concerns, concerns regarding adequate containment, and concerns regarding EPA enforcement.

First, EPA has, in fact, granted a temporary exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production in corn, 40 CFR 180.1242 (68 FR 40178) (FRL–7310–1). In doing so, EPA concluded that there was a reasonable certainty that no harm will result from aggregate exposure to the U.S. population, including infants and children, to the Cry34Ab1 and Cry35Ab1 proteins and the genetic material necessary for their production. In addition, although the subject EUPs have a temporary tolerance exemption associated with them and under this condition EPA would not normally require such containment, both Dow and Pioneer's experimental programs require containment consisting of border rows; (distance isolation of 660 ft., or reproductive isolation, or temporal isolation); as well as having seed produced reserved for experimental work or future plantings. Finally, EPA's regional offices currently cooperate with State agencies in the enforcement of plant-incorporated protectant EUPs.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136c.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection,
Experimental use permits.

Dated: December 19, 2003.

Janet L. Andersen,

Director, Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Farm Credit Administration Board; Regular Meeting

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the regular meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

DATE AND TIME: The regular meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on January 8, 2004, from 9 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette C. Brinkley, Secretary to the Farm Credit Administration Board, (703) 883–4009, TTY (703) 883–4056.

ADDRESSES: Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

Open Session

A. Approval of Minutes

—December 11, 2003 (Open and Closed)

B. Reports

- Corporate/Non-corporate Report;
- Farm Credit System Bank Board Compensation;
- Financial Audit.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

Jeanette C. Brinkley,

Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Report No. 2640]

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings

December 23, 2003.

Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this public notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR section 1.429(e). The full text of this document is available for viewing and copying in Room CY–A257, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC or may be purchased

from the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, (202) 863-2893. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed by January 21, 2004. See section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions have expired.

Subject: In the Matter of the Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations (Fortuna Foothills, Arizona and Wellton, Arizona) (MB Docket No. 03-163, RM-10734).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Subject: In the Matter of the Establishment of Policies and Service Rules for the Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit, Fixed Satellite Service in the Ka-Band (IB Docket No. 02-19).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

Subject: In the Matter of the Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CC Docket No. 96-128).

Number of Petitions Filed: 3.

Subject: In the Matter of the FM Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations (Charles Town, West Virginia and Stephens City, Virginia) (MB Docket No. 03-12, RM-10627).

Number of Petitions Filed: 1.

William F. Caton,

Deputy Secretary.

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Federal Reserve System

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2004.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; 202-452-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank

holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, January 2, 2004.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Office of Public Health and Science and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part A, Office of the Secretary (OS) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services, Chapter AC, Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), as last amended at 67 FR 71568-70, dated December 2, 2002; and Part H, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as last amended at 68 FR 47065-76, dated August 7, 2003, are being amended to reflect the transfer of the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Office of Public Health and Science. The NVPO will be headed by a Director who will report to the Assistant Secretary for Health. The changes are as follows:

I. Under Part H, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Chapter CA, "Office of the Director": delete the title and functional statement for the National Vaccine Program Office (HCA8) in its entirety.

II. Under Part A, Chapter AC, Office of Public Health and Science, make the following changes:

A. Under paragraph AC.10 Organization, insert the following line at the end of the listing:

M. National Vaccine Program Office (ACP).

B. Under paragraph AC.20, Functions, make the following changes:

1. Delete paragraph, "B. Immediate Office (ACA)," in its entirety, and replace with the following:

B. The Immediate Office (ACA): (1) Provides direction to program offices within OPHS; (2) provides advice to assure that the Department conducts

broad based public health assessments designed to better define public health problems and to design solutions to those problems; assists other components within the Department in anticipating future public health issues and problems, and provides assistance to ensure that the Department designs and implements appropriate approaches, interventions, and evaluations, to maintain, sustain, and improve the health of the Nation; (3) at the direction of the Secretary, provides assistance in leading and managing the implementation and coordination of Secretarial decisions for Public Health Service Operating Divisions and, at the Secretary's direction, and for that purpose, draws on staff divisions and other organizational units for assistance in regard to legislation, budget, communications, and policy analysis; (4) provides a focus for leadership on matters including recommendations for policy on population-based public health and science and at the Secretary's direction leads and/or coordinates initiatives that cut across agencies and operating divisions; (5) provides advice to the Secretary and senior Department officials on budget and legislative issues of the Public Health Service Operating Divisions; (6) provides support for the Office of the Surgeon General in the exercise of statutory requirements and assigned activities; (7) works in conjunction with the Public Health Service Operating Divisions, and others, in promoting relationships among and between State and local health departments, academic institutions, professional and constituency organizations, and the Department; (8) works in conjunction with the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation on matters of science policy analysis and development; (9) provides administrative support to the Office of Global Health Affairs; (10) provides leadership for and participates in public health system improvement and development activities, particularly as they relate to population-based public health and the public health infrastructure; (11) communicates and interacts with national professional and constituency organizations on matters of public health and science; (12) provides departmental liaison for military and veterans issues in the form of advice and counsel to departmental officials; works with veterans associations and organizations; develops approaches within the Department to improve services to veterans and the military; and assists to bring focus on the needs of veterans and military families; (13) proposes findings of research