

128-1996/1-US-01); to Apogenix Biotechnology AG, having a place of business in Heidelberg, Germany. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory will be worldwide and the field of use may be limited to therapeutics for the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or license applications which are received by the National Institutes of Health on or before March 28, 2005, will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent and/or patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: Mojdeh Bahar, J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-2950; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: [baharm@od.nih.gov](mailto:baharm@od.nih.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The technology claimed in the aforementioned patents is a method for the treatment or prevention of autoimmune diseases, allergic or atopic disorders, and graft rejections. The instant method comprises inducing the death by apoptosis of a subpopulation of T lymphocytes that is capable of causing such diseases, while leaving the majority of other T lymphocytes unaffected. Cell death is achieved by cycles comprising challenging via immunization these T cells with antigenic substance at short time intervals, or by immunization followed by administering interleukin-2 (IL-2) when these T cells are expressing high levels of IL-2 receptor so as to cause these T cells to undergo apoptosis upon re-immunization with the antigenic peptide or protein.

The technologies in the aforementioned patent applications are directed to compositions and methods for clinical assessment, diagnosis and treatment of Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The compositions are molecules related to the human proteolipid protein (PLP), and the 21.5 kDa fetal isoform of human myelin basic protein (MBP), and include nucleic acids and polypeptides. The nucleic acids are useful in the efficient production of modified PLP polypeptides and modified and unmodified MBP polypeptides and the polypeptides are useful for assaying T cells for responsiveness to MBP and PLP epitopes. They are further useful as therapeutic agents that act by inducing

T cell responses, including apoptosis, as a means of treating MS.

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 NIH receives written evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

**Steven M. Ferguson,**

*Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2005-20120]

#### Towing Safety Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will meet to discuss matters relating to these specific issues of towing safety. The meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group will meet on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday, March 3, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 18, 2005. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Working Group should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 18, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The Working Group will meet in the 4th Floor All-Hands Conference Room (#4202), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street

SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. Please bring a government-issued ID with photo (e.g., driver's license). Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice and related documents are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under the docket number USCG-2005-20120.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald Miente, Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail [gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat.770, as amended).

#### Agenda of Working Group Meetings

The agenda for the Towing Vessel Inspection Working Group tentatively includes the following items:

(1) Identify and discuss the elements that would comprise a safety management system for use in towing vessel inspection program including audit, oversight and enforcement of this safety management system.

(2) Identify and discuss equipment standards appropriate for a towing vessel inspection program including use of existing standards and incorporation of new standards.

(3) Identify and discuss the use of a risk-based approach incorporating available casualty data and other input to develop and support working group proposals.

#### Procedural

The meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director (as provided above in for further information contact) no later than February 18, 2005. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than February 18, 2005.

#### Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Miente at the number listed in **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

**Howard L. Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Customs and Border Protection**

**Quarterly IRS Interest Rates Used in Calculating Interest on Overdue Accounts and Refunds on Customs Duties**

**AGENCY:** Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of the quarterly Internal Revenue Service interest rates used to calculate interest on overdue accounts (underpayments) and refunds (overpayments) of customs duties. For the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2005, the interest rates for overpayments will be 4 percent for corporations and 5 percent for non-

corporations, and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5 percent. This notice is published for the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trong Quan, National Finance Center, Collections Section, 6026 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278; telephone (317) 614-4516.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1505 and Treasury Decision 85-93, published in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1985 (50 FR 21832), the interest rate paid on applicable overpayments or underpayments of customs duties must be in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code rate established under 26 U.S.C. 6621 and 6622. Section 6621 was amended (at paragraph (a)(1)(B) by the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, Public Law 105-206, 112 Stat. 685) to provide different interest rates applicable to overpayments: one for corporations and one for non-corporations.

The interest rates are based on the Federal short-term rate and determined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on

behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury on a quarterly basis. The rates effective for a quarter are determined during the first-month period of the previous quarter.

In Revenue Ruling 2004-111, the IRS determined the rates of interest for the calendar quarter beginning January 1, 2005, and ending March 31, 2005. The interest rate paid to the Treasury for underpayments will be the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of five percent (5%). For corporate overpayments, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus two percentage points (2%) for a total of four percent (4%). For overpayments made by non-corporations, the rate is the Federal short-term rate (2%) plus three percentage points (3%) for a total of five percent (5%). These interest rates are subject to change for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2005.

For the convenience of the importing public and Customs and Border Protection personnel the following list of IRS interest rates used, covering the period from before July of 1974 to date, to calculate interest on overdue accounts and refunds of customs duties, is published in summary format.

Beginning date	Ending date	Underpayments (percent)	Overpayments (percent)	Corporate overpayments (eff. 1-1-99) (percent)
070174	063075	6	6	
070175	013176	9	9	
020176	013178	7	7	
020178	013180	6	6	
020180	013182	12	12	
020182	123182	20	20	
010183	063083	16	16	
070183	123184	11	11	
010185	063085	13	13	
070185	123185	11	11	
010186	063086	10	10	
070186	123186	9	9	
010187	093087	9	8	
100187	123187	10	9	
010188	033188	11	10	
040188	093088	10	9	
100188	033189	11	10	
040189	093089	12	11	
100189	033191	11	10	
040191	123191	10	9	
010192	033192	9	8	
040192	093092	8	7	
100192	063094	7	6	
070194	093094	8	7	
100194	033195	9	8	
040195	063095	10	9	
070195	033196	9	8	
040196	063096	8	7	
070196	033198	9	8	
040198	123198	8	7	
010199	033199	7	7	
040199	033100	8	8	