

contagious, infectious or communicable disease of animals (including poultry).

(b) In cases of wilfulness or where the public health, interest or safety so requires, however, the Secretary may without hearing informally suspend such a permit upon the grounds set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, pending determination of formal proceedings under part 123 of this subchapter for suspension or revocation of the permit.

[23 FR 10065, Dec. 23, 1958. Redesignated at 31 FR 81, Jan. 5, 1966, and amended at 57 FR 30899, July 13, 1992]

## PART 123—RULES OF PRACTICE GOVERNING PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE VIRUS-SERUM-TOXIN ACT

AUTHORITY: 7 U.S.C. 8301–8317; 21 U.S.C. 151–159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

### § 123.1 Scope and applicability of rules of practice.

The Uniform Rules of Practice for the Department of Agriculture promulgated in subpart H of part 1, subtitle A, title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, are the Rules of Practice applicable to adjudicatory, administrative proceedings under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act.

[42 FR 10960, Feb. 25, 1977]

## PART 124—PATENT TERM RESTORATION

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AUTHORITY: 35 U.S.C. 156; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

SOURCE: 58 FR 11369, Feb. 25, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 124.1 Scope.

(a) This part sets forth procedures and requirements for APHIS review of applications for the extension of the term of certain patents for veterinary biological products pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 156—Extension of patent term. Responsibilities of APHIS include:

- (1) Assisting PTO in determining eligibility for patent term restoration;
- (2) Determining the length of a product's regulatory review period;
- (3) If petitioned, reviewing and ruling on due diligence challenges to APHIS's regulatory review period determinations; and
- (4) Conducting hearings to review initial APHIS findings on due diligence challenges.

(b) The regulations in this part are designed to be used in conjunction with regulations issued by PTO concerning patent term extension which may be found at 37 CFR 1.710 through 1.791.

[58 FR 11369, Feb. 25, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 43045, Aug. 9, 1999]

#### § 124.2 Definitions.

*Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).* The agency in the Department of Agriculture responsible for licensing veterinary biological products under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act.

*Applicant.* Any person who submits an application or an amendment or supplement to an application under 35 U.S.C. 156 seeking extension of the term of a patent.