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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. TB–95–07]

National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name: National Advisory Committee for Tobacco Inspection Services.

Date: April 6, 1995.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Tobacco Division, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation Building, Room 223, 1306 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27608.

Purpose: Review various regulations issued pursuant to the Tobacco Inspection Act (7 U.S.C. 511 *et seq.*) and to discuss the level of tobacco inspection services currently provided to producers by AMS. The Committee will recommend the desired level of services to be provided to producers by AMS and an appropriate fee structure to fund the recommended services.

The meeting is open to the public. Persons, other than members, who wish to address the Committee at the meeting should contact John P. Duncan, III, Director, Tobacco Division, AMS, USDA, Room 502 Annex Building, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090–6456, (202) 205–0567, prior to the meeting. Written statements may be submitted to the Committee before, at, or after the meeting.

Dated: February 8, 1995.

Lon Hatamiya,

Administrator.

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95–011–1]

Receipt of Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Genetically Engineered Corn

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from AgrEvo USA Company seeking a determination of nonregulated status for corn designated as ''Glufosinate Resistant Corn Transformation Events T14 and T25'' genetically engineered for tolerance to the herbicide glufosinate. The petition has been submitted in accordance with our regulations concerning the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and products. In accordance with those regulations, we are soliciting public comments on whether this corn presents a plant pest risk.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 28, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95–011–1, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Policy and Program Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 95–011–01. A copy of the petition and any comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing access to that room to inspect the petition or comments are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690–2817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Heron, Biotechnologist, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection, Biotechnology Permits, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1237; (301) 734–7612. To obtain a copy of the petition, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734–7601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, ''Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests,'' regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered ''regulated articles.''

The regulations in § 340.6(a) provide that any person may submit a petition to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of § 340.6 describe the form that a petition for determination of nonregulated status must take and the information that must be included in the petition.

On December 23, 1994, APHIS received a petition (APHIS Petition No. 94–357–01p) from AgrEvo Company USA (AgrEvo) of Wilmington, DE, requesting a determination of nonregulated status under 7 CFR part 340 for herbicide-tolerant corn designed as ''Gulfosinate Resistant Corn (GRC) Transformation Events T14 and T25.'' As described in the petition, GRC Events T14 and T25 are yellow dent corn plants genetically engineered with a stably integrated gene that encodes the enzyme phosphinothricin-N-aceyltransferase (PAT). The PAT enzyme catalyzes the conversion of L-phosphinothricin, the active ingredient in gulfosinate-ammonium, to an inactive form, thereby conferring resistance to herbicides in the phosphinothricin class. The *PAT* gene in GRC Events T14 and T25 is a synthetic version of the gene isolated from the bacterium *Streptomyces viridochromogenes.* Expression of the *pat* gene is regulated by the 35S promoter and the 35S terminator derived from the plant pathogen cauliflower mosaic virus.

The subject of corn is currently considered a regulated article under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340 because it contains gene sequences (promoters, and terminators) derived from a plant pathogen. GRC Events T14 and T25