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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-034-1]

#### Availability of Information on Releases of Genetically Engineered Organisms

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice pertains to information concerning the receipt of permit applications and issuance of permits by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for environmental releases of certain genetically engineered organisms. The purpose of this notice is to advise interested persons of the availability of this information on the Internet service and through lists prepared on a monthly basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Arnold Foudin, Deputy Director, Biotechnology Permits, BBEP, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237; (301) 734-7612. For assistance in gaining access to information on the Internet contact Dr. Keith Reding, and for a list of environmental release permit applications received and permits issued contact Mr. Clayton Givens at this same address and telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations in 7 CFR part 340 (referred to below as the regulations) regulate the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment) of genetically engineered organisms and products that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests (regulated articles). A permit must be obtained or a notification acknowledged before a regulated article may be introduced into the United States.

In order to provide information to the public in a timely manner about the regulatory activities administered by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) under 7 CFR part 340, we have made information, except that claimed as trade secret or confidential business information, available on the Internet. The information available includes records of environmental release permits and notifications, movement permits and notifications, and petitions for nonregulated status received and approved. The Internet address for Biotechnology Permits on the APHIS World Wide Web is: URL: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/BBEP/BP>. For assistance in using the Internet for access to the APHIS Biotechnology Permits Home Page, please refer to the individual listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Information about environmental releases conducted under permit is also available in hard copy form. To obtain a copy of the monthly lists of environmental release permit applications received and permits issued, please refer to the person designated above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In accordance with the provisions of APHIS' National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures published in the **Federal Register** on February 1, 1995 (60 FR 6000-6005, Docket No. 93-165-3), and effective on March 3, 1995, APHIS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of an environmental assessment when one is prepared for an environmental release permit.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of May 1995.

**Terry L. Medley,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 95-020N]

#### National Consultation on Foodborne Diseases and Animal Production Food Hygiene

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the World Health Organization are co-hosting a consultation, "National Consultation on Foodborne Diseases and Animal Production Food Hygiene," on June 8, 1995, at the Sphinx Club, 1315 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. The purpose of the consultation is to explore ways to refine and advance strategies to assure the safety of meat and poultry products as well as discuss the rationale and significance of international animal production (preharvest) food hygiene activities in foodborne disease control programs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Margaret Webb, Communications and Public Affairs, FSIS Animal Production Food Safety Program, FSIS, USDA, (202) 690-2683.

To register to attend, call Ms. Jennifer Callahan (202) 501-7136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The consultation will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. The consultation will primarily focus on the economic and public health impact of foodborne diseases and the contribution animal production hygiene can make to pathogen control under prevailing conditions in different regions of the world.

Seating space for observers at the forum is limited. Early registration is recommended. Please call Ms. Jennifer Callahan if you wish to attend the consultation (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Observers attending the consultation will be responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

Done at Washington, DC, on: May 17, 1995.

**Michael R. Taylor,**

*Acting Under Secretary for Food Safety.*

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[Docket No. 95-018N]

### Codex Alimentarius: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are sponsoring a public meeting on June 7, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Washington Rooms, Hyatt Regency—Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal City, Virginia. The meeting will provide information and solicit public comments and suggestions on U.S. participation in activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The co-sponsors of this public meeting recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on Codex, to discuss current Codex issues, and to address U.S. participation in the Codex process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 311-West End Court, Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 254-2517; Fax (202) 254-2530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations' organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization, to encourage fair international trade in food and to promote the health and economic interests of consumers worldwide.

Codex provides a forum for the world's leading experts to discuss, debate, and often reach scientific consensus on food safety issues that affect trade. There are currently 151 member nations of Codex that work to develop Standards, Codes of Practice, and Guidelines dealing with basic principles, technical specifications for products, and good manufacturing practices.

With the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, and the formation of the World Trade Organization, the role of

Codex as an international standard-setting body has become much more visible and critical to U.S. interests.

On January 1, 1995, the Uruguay Round Agreement of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was implemented by the United States. One part of this is the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures elevating the significance of Codex standards and requiring that a country scientifically justify its actions to achieve its level of food safety, if higher than Codex recommendations. The Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures recognizes three international standard-setting organizations. The three are the Codex for food safety, the International Plant Protection Convention for plant health, and the Office of International Epizootics for animal health.

Within the United States, Codex activities are carried out by officials from USDA, FDA, EPA, and the National Marine Fisheries Service who serve as U.S. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to various Codex Committees. Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, assisted by a Codex staff, serves as the U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius. A Steering Committee made up of Senior Executives from USDA, FDA, and EPA provides direction for all U.S. Codex activities.

**Meeting Agenda**

The following specific issues will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. The implications of NAFTA and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act for Codex and U.S. participation.
2. The draft "U.S. Codex Strategic Plan." (copies available see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**)
3. The paper "Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making Process." (copies available see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**)
4. An overview of matters to be addressed during the upcoming 21st session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

5. Issues raised by public comments relating to Codex.

**Attendance**

The meeting will be open to all interested parties on a space available basis. All persons wishing to give a presentation at the meeting should submit a written request that includes the participant's name and organization, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and a copy of the remarks to be presented. Send your request to Dr. Marvin Norcross (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

All information and comments presented will be carefully reviewed and taken into consideration for future Codex activities. A summary of the meeting and copies of information submitted during the meeting will be available for review in the FSIS Docket Clerk's Office, Room 4352, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC. 20250.

Done at Washington, DC, on: May 17, 1995.

**Michael R. Taylor,**  
*Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 04/18/95-05/15/95

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Plastic Design, Inc .....	111 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457.	04/18/95	Medical, transportation, automotive, security system and misc. plastic parts.
E/G Electro-Graph, Inc .....	2365 Camino Vida Roble, Carlsbad, CA 92009.	04/26/95	Semiconductor machinery parts.
Shube's Manufacturing, Inc .....	600 Moon Street, S.E. Albuquerque, NM 87123.	04/26/95	Pewter figurines made of nonprecious metal.
Pyott-Boone Electronics, Inc .....	P.O. Box 809, Tazewell, VA 24651.	04/28/95	Electronic communications and monitoring equipment and sub-assemblies for mining industry.
Galax Electronics Tech. Inc .....	2391 Zanker Road, Suite 340, San Jose, CA 95031.	04/28/95	Cable harness assemblies.