

(d)(4), and (e)(1) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 340.3 Notification for the introduction of certain regulated articles.⁵

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(b) * * *

(1) The regulated article is any plant species that is not listed as a noxious weed in regulations at 7 CFR part 360 under the Federal Noxious Weed Act (7 U.S.C. 2809), and, when being considered for releases into the environment, the regulated article is not considered by the Administrator to be a weed in the area of release into the environment.

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(5) To ensure that the introduced genetic sequences do not pose a significant risk of the creation of any new plant virus, plant virus-derived sequences must be:

(i) Noncoding regulatory sequences of known function; or

(ii) Sense or antisense genetic constructs derived from viral genes from plant viruses that are prevalent and endemic in the area where the introduction will occur and that infect plants of the same host species, and that do not encode a functional noncapsid gene product responsible for cell-to-cell movement of the virus.

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(d) * * *

(4) Responsible persons shall maintain records of the conduct and status of all field trials under notification procedures. Field test records shall include the APHIS reference number. Field test records shall also include methods of observation, resulting data, and analysis regarding all deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment.

(i) For field tests in which deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment are observed, field test reports must be submitted to the Director, BBEP, within 12 months after the start of the field test, and every 12 months thereafter throughout the duration of the field test. For field tests lasting more than 12 months, final reports are due 6 months after the termination of the field test.

⁵ APHIS may issue guidelines regarding scientific procedures, practices, or protocols which it has found acceptable in making various determinations under the regulations. A person may follow an APHIS guideline or follow different procedures, practices, or protocols. When different procedures, practices, or protocols are followed, a person may, but is not required to, discuss the matter in advance with APHIS to help ensure that the procedures, practices, or protocols to be followed will be acceptable to APHIS.

(ii) Field test reports shall include all data required in field test records for the trial.

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(e) * * *

(1) The Director, BBEP, will notify the appropriate State regulatory official(s) within 5 business days of receipt for all notifications.

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5. In § 340.4, a new footnote 6 would be added at the end of the section heading and paragraph (f)(9) would be revised to read as follows:

§ 340.4 Permits for the introduction of a regulated article.⁶

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(f) * * *

(9) A person who has been issued a permit shall submit to the Director, BBEP, field test reports within 12 months after the start of the field test, and every 12 months thereafter throughout the duration of the field test. For field tests lasting more than 12 months, final reports are due 6 months after the termination of the field test. Field test reports shall include the APHIS reference number. Field test reports shall also include methods of observation, resulting data, and analysis regarding all deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment;

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6. In § 340.5, a new footnote 10 would be added at the end of the section heading to read as follows:

§ 340.5 Petition to amend the list of organisms.¹⁰

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7. In § 340.6, a new footnote 11 would be added at the end of the section heading, a new paragraph (c)(5) would be added, paragraph (e) would be redesignated as paragraph (f), and a new paragraph (e) would be added to read as follows:

§ 340.6 Petition for determination of nonregulated status.¹¹

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(c) * * *

(5) Field test reports for all trials conducted under permit or notification procedures, involving the regulated article, that were completed prior to petition submission. For ongoing trials longer than 12 months in duration, interim field test reports for each year. Field test reports shall include the APHIS reference number. Field test reports shall also include methods of

⁶ See footnote 5 at § 340.3.
¹⁰ See footnote 5 at § 340.3.
¹¹ See footnote 5 at § 340.3.

observation, resulting data, and analysis regarding all deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment.

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(e) *Extensions to determinations of nonregulated status.* (1) The Director, BBEP, may determine that a regulated article does not pose a potential for plant pest risk, and should therefore not be regulated under this part, based on the similarity of that organism to an antecedent organism.

(2) A person may request that APHIS extend a determination of nonregulated status to other organisms. Such a request shall include information to establish the similarity of the antecedent organism and the regulated articles in question.

(3) APHIS will announce in the **Federal Register** all extensions of determinations of nonregulated status 30 days before their effective date.

(4) If a request to APHIS to extend a determination of nonregulated status under this part is denied, APHIS will inform the submitter of that request of the reasons for denial. The submitter may submit a modified request or a separate petition for determination of nonregulated status without prejudice.

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Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of August 1995.

Terry Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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9 CFR Part 113

[Docket No. 93-039-3]

Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Standard Requirement for Escherichia Coli Bacterins

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of reopening and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening and extending the comment period for the proposed rule to add a Standard Requirement for *Escherichia coli* bacterins. This extension will provide interested persons with additional time in which to prepare comments on the proposed rule.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to written comments on Docket No. 93-039-1 that are received on or before September 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to

Docket No. 93-039-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 93-039-1. 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 to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Espeseth, Deputy Director, Veterinary Biologics, BBEP, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737-1237, (301) 734-8245.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 11, 1994, we published in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 51390-51392, Docket No. 93-039-1) a proposed rule to amend the regulations in 9 CFR part 113 to include a Standard Requirement for *Escherichia coli* bacterins. Comments on the proposed rule were required to be received on or before December 12, 1994.

Based on a request from a national trade association, we published on May 17, 1995, a notice in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 26384, Docket No. 93-039-2) that reopened and extended the comment period until August 15, 1995.

So that we may consider comments submitted after that date, we are reopening and extending the public comment period on Docket No. 93-039-1 an additional 30 days, until September 14, 1995. During this period, interested persons may submit their comments for our consideration.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151-159, 7 CFR 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of August 1995.

Terry Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 990

Natural Resource Damage Assessments

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Section 1006(e)(1) of the Oil Pollution Act requires the President, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, to promulgate regulations for the assessments of natural resources damages resulting from the discharge of oil. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposed those regulations on August 3, 1995 (60 FR 39804). NOAA wishes to announce a Conference on the Proposed Rule for the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, that will be held in two locations: in Washington, DC on August 30-31, 1995 and in San Francisco, California on September 6-7, 1995. The regulations have been significantly revised in response to comments received on the January 7, 1994 proposed rule. These meetings are designed to encourage discussion on the proposed rule and NOAA's new approach to natural resource damage assessment. For more information or to register for one of the Conference locations, please contact the conference coordinator at the telephone number below.

DATES: The meetings will be held August 30-31, 1995 in Washington, DC and September 6-7, 1995 in San Francisco, California.

ADDRESSES: The August 30-31 meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Bldg., Main Auditorium, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The September 6-7 meeting will be held at Fort Mason Center, Landmark Building C 2nd Floor, Room 215, San Francisco, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Chapman, Conference Coordinator, Damage Assessment Center, telephone (301) 713-3038, Ext. 200; FAX (301) 713-4387.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, provides for the prevention of, liability for, removal of, and compensation for the discharge, or substantial threat of discharge, of oil into or upon the navigable waters of the United States, adjoining shorelines, or the Exclusive Economic Zone. Section 1006(e) requires the President, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, to develop regulations establishing procedures for natural resource trustees to use in the assessment of damages for injury to, destruction of, loss of, or loss of use of natural resources covered by OPA. Section 1006(b) provides for the

designation of federal, state, Indian tribe and foreign natural resource trustees to determine resource injuries, assess natural resource damages (including the reasonable costs of assessing damages), present a claim, recover damages, and develop and implement a plan for the restoration, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of the equivalent of the injured natural resources under their trusteeship.

NOAA will hold a Conference on the Proposed Rule for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 in two locations: in Washington, DC on August 30-31, 1995 and in San Francisco, California on September 6-7, 1995. The first day of the Conference, from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, will be devoted to a presentation and explanation of the rule, ending with an initial question and answer session regarding specific issues relevant to the rule. The second day, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, will continue the question and answer session and will use two panel discussions to highlight specific aspects of restoration in the new rule. Topics include restoration of natural resources and their associated ecological and human services, focusing on the implications of the proposed rule and restoration techniques, methodologies, and case studies featuring successful projects.

These meetings are open to the public. Those with a direct interest in the assessment process are encouraged to attend, including representatives of industry, environmental groups, government agencies and the public. A synopsis of each meeting will be prepared and included in the administrative record of the rulemaking process.

Dated: August 16, 1995.

Terry D. Garcia,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 20

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Requirements to Ensure Collection of Section 2056A Estate Tax

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.