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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-006-1]

Monsanto Co.; Addition of Two Genetically Engineered Insect Resistant Corn Lines to Determination of Nonregulated Status

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is announcing that it has added two additional genetically engineered, insect resistant corn lines to its August 22, 1995, determination that the Monsanto Company's corn line MON 80100 need no longer be regulated. The effect of this action is that two additional insect resistant corn lines designated as MON 809 and MON 810, which have been modified by the incorporation of genetic material described by the Monsanto Company, will no longer be subject to regulation under 7 CFR part 340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ved Malik, 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 5, 1995, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published a notice in the Federal Register (60 FR 46107-46108, Docket No. 95-041-2) announcing the issuance of a determination effective August 22, 1995, that an insect resistant corn line developed by the Monsanto Company (Monsanto) designated as corn line MON 80100, does not present a plant pest risk and is not a regulated article under the regulations contained in 7

CFR part 340. This action was in response to a petition submitted by Monsanto seeking a determination from APHIS that its corn line MON 80100 no longer be deemed a regulated article, based on an absence of plant pest risk. The effect of that action was that the subject corn line and its progeny would no longer be regulated under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

The two additional corn lines that are the subject of this notice, MON 809 and MON 810, were identified in Monsanto's previously submitted petition (APHIS Petition No. 95-093-01p) for corn line MON 80100. On January 17, 1996, APHIS received additional information and field test data in a petition (APHIS Petition No. 96-017-01p) in support of nonregulated status under 7 CFR part 340 for corn lines MON 809 and MON 810. As described by Monsanto, corn lines MON 809 and MON 810 express a CryIA(b) protein derived from the common soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* which confers resistance to European corn borer. The subject corn lines were generated through use of the particle acceleration transformation system to insert plasmid vectors PV-ZMBK07 and PV-ZMGT10, the same vectors used to transform corn line MON 80100 for which the August 22, 1995, determination of nonregulated status was issued by APHIS.

Corn lines MON 809 and MON 810 have been evaluated in field tests conducted in 1993 and 1994 under APHIS permits and notifications. Reports from field trials and other data indicate that the subject corn lines grow normally, exhibit the expected morphological, reproductive, and physiological properties, and do not have unexpected pest or disease susceptibility or symptoms. Therefore, the APHIS determination of nonregulated status of August 22, 1995, applies as well to Monsanto's two new transformed corn lines, MON 809 and MON 810.

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of March 1996.

Terry L. Medley,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Food and Consumer Service

Child Nutrition Programs—Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the Department's annual adjustments to the Income Eligibility Guidelines to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk for the period from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and centers participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program for Children, Child and Adult Care Food Program and Commodity School Program. The annual adjustments are required by section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. The guidelines are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for increases in the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert M. Eadie, Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, FCS, USDA, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, or by phone at (703) 305-2618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget. These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.553, No. 10.555, No. 10.556 and No. 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

Background

Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C. 1766(c)(4)), and sections 3(a)(6) and 4(e)