

approve the new or different use. Accordingly, a submission has been made to EPA for registration of the herbicide glyphosate for use on sugar beet. When the use of the herbicide on the genetically modified plant would result in an increase in the residues of the herbicide in a food or feed crop for which the herbicide is currently registered, or in new residues in a crop for which the herbicide is not currently registered, establishment of a new tolerance or a revision of the existing tolerance would be required. Residue tolerances for pesticides are established by EPA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces tolerances set by EPA under the FFDCA.

FDA published a statement of policy on foods derived from new plant varieties in the **Federal Register** on May 29, 1992 (57 FR 22984-23005). The FDA statement of policy includes a discussion of FDA's authority for ensuring food safety under the FFDCA, and provides guidance to industry on the scientific considerations associated with the development of foods derived from new plant varieties, including those plants developed through the techniques of genetic engineering. Novartis and Monsanto have begun consultation with FDA on the subject sugar beet line.

In accordance with § 340.6(d) of the regulations, we are publishing this notice to inform the public that APHIS will accept written comments regarding the Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status from any interested person for a period of 60 days from the date of this notice. The petition and any comments received are available for public review, and copies of the petition may be ordered (see the ADDRESSES section of this notice).

After the comment period closes, APHIS will review the data submitted by the petitioner, all written comments received during the comment period, and any other relevant information. Based on the available information, APHIS will furnish a response to the petitioner, either approving the petition in whole or in part, or denying the petition. APHIS will then publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the regulatory status of the Novartis/Monsanto GTSB77 sugar beet line and the availability of APHIS' written decision.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 150aa-150jj, 151-167, and 1622n; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of August, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-026-2]

#### Public Meeting; Center for Veterinary Biologics

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This is the second notice to producers of veterinary biological products, product users, and other interested persons that we are holding our eighth public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. This notice includes information on the agenda for the public meeting and identifies a contact person for obtaining registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda.

**PLACE, DATES, AND TIMES OF MEETING:** The eighth public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, IA. The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics—Inspection and Compliance, VS, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; telephone (515) 232-5785 (extension 127); fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail: Kay.Wessman@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 1998 (63 FR 18180, Docket No. 98-026-1), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced that it would be holding its eighth public meeting on veterinary biologics in Ames, IA, on September 23 and 24, 1998. In that notice, APHIS requested that interested persons submit suggestions for agenda topics. Based on the submissions received and on other considerations, the agenda for the eighth public meeting will include, but may not be limited to, the following topics:

1. State of the Center for Veterinary Biologics;

2. Electronic submissions demonstrations;
3. Federal preemption and the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act;
4. Association of Feline Practitioners vaccination guidelines
5. Panel discussion on legal issues;
6. Mutual Recognition Agreement between the United States and the European Union;
7. International harmonization;
8. Vaccinovigilance and veterinary biologics in the United States;
9. Drug Export Reform and Enhancement Act;
10. Panel discussion on international issues;
11. Formulating vaccines with aluminum adjuvants;
12. Relative potency and reference requalification; and
13. Future of vaccines in animal health.

In addition, we have scheduled two community networking sessions in which all meeting attendees and participants will be invited to form small working groups to discuss and provide input on critical issues concerning our program, such as: What is the Center for Veterinary Biologics doing well? Where do we need to improve our services? Given the center's budgetary constraints, what should our priorities be? In what areas should we target our major resources?

Registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda for the eighth public meeting may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The registration deadline is September 15, 1998. A block of hotel rooms has been set aside for this meeting until September 1, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Request for Nominations for the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Agriculture is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality.

**DATE:** Nominations must be received in writing or reaffirmed (see