

engineered using the same transformation method and contain the same enzymes that make the plants tolerant to the herbicide glyphosate. Accordingly, we have determined that canola event GT200 is similar to the antecedent organism in APHIS petition number 98-216-01p, and we are proposing that canola event GT200 should no longer be regulated under the regulations in 7 CFR part 340.

The subject canola has been considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340 because it contains gene sequences derived from plant pathogens. However, GT200 has been approved for commercial use in Canada since 1996, with no subsequent reports of deleterious effects on plants, nontarget organisms, or the environment as a result of its environmental release.

Should APHIS approve Monsanto's request for an extension of a determination of nonregulated status, canola event GT200 would no longer be considered a regulated article under APHIS' regulations in 7 CFR part 340. Therefore, the requirements pertaining to regulated articles under those regulations would no longer apply to the field testing, importation, or interstate movement of the subject canola or its progeny.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared to examine any potential environmental impacts associated with this proposed extension of a determination of nonregulated status. The EA was prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372). Copies of Monsanto's extension request and the EA are available upon request from the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February 2002.

**W. Ron DeHaven,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 01-108-2]

#### Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This is the second notice to producers and users of veterinary biological products and other interested individuals that we are holding our 11th annual public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. This notice provides information on the agenda as well as the dates, times, and place of the meeting.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held Tuesday, April 2, through Thursday April 4, 2002, from 8 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 8 a.m. to approximately noon on Thursday.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information concerning registration and agenda topics, contact Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail [Kay.Wessman@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Kay.Wessman@aphis.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001 (66 FR 59773-59774, Docket No. 01-108-1), we announced that we will be holding our 11th annual veterinary biologics public meeting and requested that interested persons submit suggestions for agenda topics. Based on the responses and on other considerations, the agenda for the 11th public meeting will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Veterinary biologics perspectives relating to emergency animal health management, both global and domestic;
- Safeguarding animal health;
- Importation activities;
- Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies;
- Biosecurity;
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's response to animal health issues;
- International harmonization; and
- Animal care.

In addition, we will provide updates on regulations, aquaculture,

reticuloendotheliosis virus, in vitro potency testing, and compliance with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (including electronic submissions/filing, the Ames Information Management System, summary information format for biotechnology products, and processing labels and outlines of production). During the "roundtable discussion" portion of the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to present their views on matters concerning the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's veterinary biologics program.

Registration forms, lodging information, and copies of the agenda for the 11th public meeting may be obtained from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb>.

The registration deadline is March 19, 2002. A block of hotel rooms has been set aside for this meeting until March 19. Early reservation of rooms is strongly encouraged.

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**W. Ron DeHaven,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Lost Granite Squirrel, Colville National Forest, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties, WA

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service, USDA, will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on a proposal to implement vegetation, riparian and road management projects. The Proposed Action will be in compliance with the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) as amended, which provides the overall guidance for management of this area. The Proposed Action is within portions of the Lost Creek and Ruby Creek drainages on the Sullivan Lake and Newport Ranger Districts. The project will be located approximately 45 miles north of Newport, Washington. Project implementation is scheduled for fiscal year 2004. The Colville National Forest invites written comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis.