



## NOTICE TO THE INDUSTRY - BCD-3

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DATE: October 6, 2000

TO: All Warehouse Operators Approved Under the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA)

SUBJECT: StarLink Corn

This is to alert you that StarLink corn may not be lawfully sold for use in human food or for export. This corn contains a pesticide registered to Aventis CropScience by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This registration permits the production of StarLink corn only for domestic industrial non-food use applications and domestic animal feed. The corn has been grown in small quantities in the United States, and recently has been found in taco shells which were subsequently recalled.

In the event that you may have acquired StarLink corn, you must direct StarLink to domestic feed lots or to domestic industrial uses at sites that do not sell the corn byproducts for human food use or the export market.

As a part of a process agreed to by Aventis CropScience with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), EPA, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Aventis CropScience has contacted all producers who purchased StarLink corn and advised them to keep their corn on their farms until further notice from Aventis CropScience. Aventis CropScience has offered to pay a \$.25 per bushel incentive payment to producers who feed this corn on their farms or who deliver it directly to feedlots or industrial use plants under existing contracts. The USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will make offers to growers to purchase all of their StarLink corn which is currently unharvested or still stored on their farm. CCC will take control of and title to the corn and will supervise the shipment of the corn to approved locations at which point CCC will transfer title to Aventis CropScience. These approved locations will not include any commercial warehouses except those that enter into a special agreement with Aventis CropScience under the supervision of CCC. Warehouses that have Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreements with CCC will not be utilized for handling this CCC-purchased corn.

With respect to the purchase of corn, you must take measures to ensure that any StarLink corn that you have acquired is directed to lawful uses. These lawful uses are restricted to domestic industrial non-food and domestic animal feed markets. Starting immediately, Aventis CropScience will be notifying any elevator determined to have received StarLink corn and will continue to do so as new information becomes available.

In the event you experience difficulties in ensuring that StarLink corn is directed to lawful uses, you should contact Aventis CropScience at 1-888-283-6847.

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Director

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