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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 03–037–1]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment for Field Testing West Nile Virus Vaccine

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared an environmental assessment concerning authorization to ship for the purpose of field testing, and then to field test, an unlicensed West Nile Virus Vaccine for use in horses. The environmental assessment, which is based on a risk analysis prepared to assess the risks associated with the field testing of this vaccine, examines the potential effects that field testing this veterinary vaccine could have on the quality of the human environment. Based on the risk analysis, we have reached a preliminary determination that field testing this veterinary vaccine will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, and that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. We intend to authorize shipment of this vaccine for field testing following the close of the comment period for this notice unless new substantial issues bearing on the effects of this action are brought to our attention. We also intend to issue a U.S. Veterinary Biological Product license for this vaccine, provided the field test data support the conclusions of the environmental assessment and the issuance of a finding of no significant impact and the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before May 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by postal mail/commercial delivery or by e-mail. If you use postal mail/commercial delivery, please send four copies of your comment (an original and three copies) to: Docket No. 03–037–1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3C71, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 03–037–1. If you use e-mail, address your comment to *regulations@aphis.usda.gov.* Your comment must be contained in the body of your message; do not send attached files. Please include your name and address in your message and ''Docket No. 03–037–1'' on the subject line.

You may read the environmental assessment, the risk analysis (with confidential business information removed), and any comments that we receive in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

You may request a copy of the environmental assessment (as well as the risk analysis with confidential business information removed) by writing to Dr. Eleanor V. Eagly, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB–LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010, or by calling (515) 232–5785. Please refer to the docket number, date, and complete title of this notice when requesting copies.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS dockets, are available on the Internet at *http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Albert P. Morgan, Chief Staff Officer, Operational Support Section, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; phone (301) 734–8245; fax (301) 734–4314. For information regarding the environmental assessment or the risk analysis, contact Dr. Eleanor V. Eagly, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB–LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; phone (515) 232–5785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), a veterinary biological product must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. A field test is generally necessary to satisfy prelicensing requirements for veterinary biological products. Prior to conducting a field test on an unlicensed product, an applicant must obtain approval from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as well as obtain APHIS' authorization to ship the product for field testing.

To determine whether to authorize shipment and grant approval for the field testing of the unlicensed product referenced in this notice, APHIS conducted a risk analysis to assess the potential effects of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based on the risk analysis, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) concerning the field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester: Merial Limited.

Product: West Nile Virus Vaccine, Live Canarypox Vector, Code 1991.R0.

Field Test Locations: Montana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Iowa, and Florida.

The above-mentioned product is a canarypox-vectored recombinant vaccine containing genes of the West Nile virus. The vaccine is for use in horses as an aid in the prevention of viremia associated with West Nile virus infection.

The EA has been 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 provision 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).

Unless substantial issues with adverse environmental impacts are raised in response to this notice, APHIS intends to issue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) based on the EA and authorize shipment of the above product for the initiation of field tests following

the close of the comment period for this notice.

Because the issues raised by field testing and by issuance of a license are identical, APHIS has concluded that the EA that is generated for field testing would also be applicable to the proposed licensing action. Provided that the field test data support the conclusions of the original EA and the issuance of a FONSI, APHIS does not intend to issue a separate EA and FONSI to support the issuance of the product license, and would determine that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. APHIS intends to issue a veterinary biological product license for this vaccine following completion of the field test provided no adverse impacts on the human environment are identified and provided the product meets all other requirements for licensure.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159.

Done in Washington, DC, this 27th day of March 2003.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Technology Administration.

Title: Commercial Space Launch Range User Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0692–0009.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 35.

Number of Respondents: 7.

Average Hours Per Response: 10.

Needs and Uses: The information collected would allow the DOC, Office of Space Commercialization (DOC/OSC) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to follow the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Air Force to ensure consideration of commercial space launch users' needs in the Air Force's range modernization planning. The collection instrument will be a **Federal Register** announcement.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: Biannually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 28, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Requests for Reasonable Accommodation

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Brenda Brittain, Disability Program Manager, Office of Civil Rights, at 202 482–8183. In addition, written comments may be sent via the Internet to *BBrittain@doc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to qualified employees or applicants with disabilities, unless to do so would cause the undue hardship. Unless an accommodation would pose an undue hardship, the Department will provide reasonable accommodation to a qualified individual with a disability who is an:

a. Applicant who needs an accommodation in order to be considered for a job (any change to a job application process that enables a qualified applicant with a disability to be considered for the position such qualified applicant desires);

b. Employee who needs an accommodation to enable him or her to perform the essential functions of the job or to gain access to the workplace (any change to the work environment, or to the manner or circumstances under which the position held or desired is customarily performed, that enables a qualified individual with a disability to perform the essential functions of that position); or

c. Employee who needs an accommodation to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment (that which enables an employee with a disability to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are enjoyed by other similarly situated employees without disabilities).

Executive Order 13164 requires Federal agencies to provide written procedures for reasonable accommodation for employees and applicants. Records must be maintained in order to evaluate the fair application of the procedures for the DOC. To do so, a form has been developed to comprise the report for each reasonable accommodation request.

In order to ensure that the DOC process requests for reasonable accommodation in a fair, timely and equitable manner, applicants for employment and current employees are asked to verify their requests in writing by using form CD 575.

II. Method of Collection

The information shall be collected through the use of a paper form and available on the Internet.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Numbers: CD Form 575.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.