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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 94-128-1]

Receipt of Permit Applications for Release Into the Environment of Genetically Engineered Organisms

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that 10 applications for permits to release genetically engineered organisms into the environment are being reviewed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The

applications have been submitted in accordance with 7 CFR part 340, which regulates the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and products.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the applications referenced in this notice, with any confidential business information deleted, are available for public inspection in room 1141, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect an application are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room. You may obtain copies of the documents by writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Foudin, Deputy Director, Biotechnology Permits, BBEP, APHIS, USDA, P.O. Drawer 810, Riverdale, MD 20738. The telephone number for the agency contact will change when agency offices in Hyattsville, MD, move to

Riverdale, MD, during January. Telephone: (301) 436-7612 (Hyattsville); (301) 734-7612 (Riverdale).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," require a person to obtain a permit before introducing (importing, moving interstate, or releasing into the environment) into the United States certain genetically engineered organisms and products that are considered "regulated articles." The regulations set forth procedures for obtaining a permit for the release into the environment of a regulated article, and for obtaining a limited permit for the importation or interstate movement of a regulated article.

Pursuant to these regulations, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received and is reviewing the following applications for permits to release genetically engineered organisms into the environment:

Application No.	Applicant	Date received	Organisms	Field test location
94-306-01	Union Camp Corporation	11/02/94	American sweetgum trees genetically engineered to express a gene for tolerance to the herbicide 2, 4-D.	Georgia.
94-326-01	University of Chicago	11/22/94	Oilseed rape plants genetically engineered to express either a gene from <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>kurstaki</i> (Btk) for resistance to lepidopteran insects or a gene from potato plants for resistance to certain chewing insects.	
94-326-02, renewal of permit 93-320-01, issued on 03-04-94.	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service.	11/22/94	Barley plants genetically engineered to express resistance to barley yellow dwarf virus, and tolerance to phosphinothricin herbicides.	Idaho, Illinois.
94-326-03, renewal of permit 94-055-01, issued on 04-13-94.	Upjohn Company	11/22/94	Tomato plants genetically engineered to express resistance to tomato spotted wilt virus.	Georgia.
94-326-04, renewal of permit 94-055-02, issued on 06-16-94.	Upjohn Company	11/22/94	Cucumber plants genetically engineered to express resistance to cucumber mosaic virus, watermelon mosaic virus 2, and zucchini yellow mosaic virus.	Michigan.
94-326-05, renewal of permit 94-055-03, issued on 05-06-94.	Upjohn Company	11/22/94	Watermelon plants genetically engineered to express resistance to watermelon mosaic virus 2 and zucchini yellow mosaic virus.	Michigan.
94-326-06, renewal of permit 94-090-04, issued on 06-30-94.	Upjohn Company	11/22/94	Cucumber plants genetically engineered to express resistance to cucumber mosaic virus, papaya ringspot virus, watermelon mosaic virus 2, zucchini yellow mosaic virus, and squash mosaic virus.	Georgia, Michigan.