

conducting such an approval, the EPA considers the possibility of adverse effects to human health and the environment from the use of this herbicide. 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 the EPA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) (21 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforces tolerances set by the EPA under the FFDCA.

The 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 the 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.

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 Dekalb's corn line B16 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 2.17, 2.51, and 371.2(c).

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of July 1995.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation in the Alton (IL), Columbus (OH), and Farwell (TX) Areas

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act), provides that official agency designations will end not later than triennially and may be renewed. The designation of Alton Grain Inspection Department (Alton), will end March 31, 1996; the designation of Columbus Grain Inspection, Inc. (Columbus), will end February 28, 1996; and the designation of Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell), will end January 31, 1996, according to the Act, and GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Alton, Columbus, and Farwell areas to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before August 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647 South Building, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Section 7(f)(1) of the Act authorizes GIPSA' Administrator to designate a qualified applicant to provide official

services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services.

GIPSA designated Alton, main office located in Florissant, Missouri, to provide official inspection services under the Act on April 1, 1993; Columbus, main office located in Circleville, Ohio, to provide official inspection services under the Act on March 1, 1993; and Farwell, main office located in Farwell, Texas, to provide official inspection services under the Act on February 1, 1993.

Section 7(g)(1) of the Act provides that designations of official agencies shall end not later than triennially and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in Section 7(f) of the Act. The designation of Alton ends on March 31, 1996. The designation of Columbus ends on February 28, 1996, and the designation of Farwell ends on January 31, 1996. The geographic area presently assigned to Alton, in the State of Illinois, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

Calhoun, Jersey, and Madison (West of State Route 4 and North of Interstate 70 and 270) Counties.

The geographic area presently assigned to Columbus, in the States of Ohio and Michigan, pursuant to Section 7(f)(2) of the Act, which may be assigned to the applicant selected for designation is as follows:

In Ohio:

Bounded on the North by the northern Lucas County line east to Lake Erie; the Lake Erie shoreline east to the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line;

Bounded on the East by the Ohio-Pennsylvania State line south to the Ohio River;

Bounded on the South by the Ohio River south-southwest to the western Scioto County line; and

Bounded on the West by the western Scioto County line north to State Route 73; State Route 73 northwest to U.S. Route 22; U.S. Route 22 west to U.S. Route 68; U.S. Route 68 north to Clark County; the northern Clark County line west to State Route 560; State Route 560 north to State Route 296; State Route 296 west to Interstate 75; Interstate 75 north to State Route 47; State Route 47 northeast to U.S. Route 68 (including all of Sidney, Ohio); U.S. Route 68 north to U.S. Route 30; U.S. Route 30 east to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Seneca County; the southern Seneca County line west to State Route 53; State Route 53 north to Sandusky County; the southern Sandusky County line west to State Route 590; State Route 590 north