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) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the environmental assessment or the risk analysis, or to request a copy of the environmental assessment or the risk analysis with confidential business information removed, contact Dr. Barbara J. Sheppard, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Policy, Evaluation, and Licensing, VS, APHIS, 1920 Dayton Avenue, Ames, IA; phone (515) 337–6100, fax (301) 337–6120.

The alternative contact is Dr. Mathew Erdman, Senior Staff Veterinary Medical Officer, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Policy, Evaluation, and Licensing VS, APHIS, 1920 Dayton Avenue, P.O. Box 844, Ames, IA 50010; phone (515) 337–6100, fax (515) 337–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act (21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is authorized to promulgate regulations designed to ensure that veterinary biological products are pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. Veterinary biological products include viruses, serums, toxins, and analogous products of natural or synthetic origin, such as vaccines, antitoxins, or the immunizing components of microorganisms intended for the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of diseases in domestic animals.

APHIS issues licenses to qualified establishments that produce veterinary biological products and issues permits to importers of such products. APHIS also enforces requirements concerning production, packaging, labeling, and shipping of these products and sets standards for the testing of these products. Regulations concerning veterinary biological products are contained in 9 CFR parts 101 to 124.

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 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 an unlicensed veterinary biological product, APHIS considers the potential effects of this product on the safety of animals, public health, and the environment. Based upon a risk analysis and other relevant data, APHIS has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) concerning the field testing of the following unlicensed veterinary biological product:

Requester: Zoetis Inc.

Product: Bursal Disease-Marek's Disease Vaccine, Serotype 3, Live Marek's Disease Vector.

Possible Field Test Locations: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, among others.

The above-mentioned vaccine consists of a live Marek's disease, serotype 3, turkey herpesvirus vector containing a gene from an infectious bursal disease virus. The vaccine has been shown to be effective for the vaccination of 18- to 19-day-old embryonated chicken eggs or healthy 1-day-old chickens against infectious bursal disease and Marek's disease.

APHIS' review and analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed field tests are documented in detail in an EA entitled ''Environmental Assessment For Field Testing of a Bursal Disease—Marek's Disease Vaccine, Serotype 3, Live Marek's Disease Vector'' (December 2019). We are making this EA available to the public for review and comment. We will consider all comments that we receive on or before the date listed under the **DATES** section at the beginning of this notice.

The EA may be viewed on the *Regulations.gov* website or in our reading room (see **ADDRESSES** above for a link to *Regulations.gov* and information on the location and hours of the reading room). You may request paper copies of the EA by calling or writing to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Please refer to the title of the EA when requesting copies.

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 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).

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 associated 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 licensing.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151–159; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.4.

Done in Washington, DC, this *21st* day of *February 2020.*

Kevin Shea,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: On February 3, 2020, the U.S Codex Office, USDA published a notice that announced a public meeting on February 27, 2020 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. EST at the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The objective of the public meeting was to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 52nd Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China, originally planned for March 30-April 4, 2020. The U.S. Codex Office is publishing this notice to announce that the 52nd Session of the CCPR has been postponed due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID–19) and that the public meeting to provide information and receive public

comments will be rescheduled at a later date. Please note that the documents related to the 52nd Session of the CCPR remain accessible via the internet at the following address: *www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Maratos, U.S. Codex Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4861, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250. Phone: (202) 690–4795, Fax: (202) 720–3157, Email: *Marie.Maratos@usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the USDA, the 52nd Session of the CCPR, which is hosted by the People's Republic of China, has been postponed due to the Coronavirus (COVID–19). The USDA is publishing this notice to announce that the public meeting in advance of the 52nd Session of CCPR has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. The rescheduled public meeting will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

Done at Washington, DC, on February 20, 2020.

Mary Lowe,

U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on March 23, 2020. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 14th Session of the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, in Utrecht, the Netherlands, April 20–24, 2020. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary, Office of Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs, recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 14th Session of the CCCF and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place in Meeting Room 1A–001 at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5001 Campus Drive, HFS–009, College Park, MD 20740–3835. Documents related to the 14th Session of the CCCF will be accessible via the internet at the following address: *http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en.* Dr. Lauren Posnick Robin, U.S. Delegate to the 14th Session of the CCCF, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: *henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.*

Call-In-Number: If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 14th Session of the CCCF by conference call, please register in advance by emailing *henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov.* To call in, you may use the call-in-number: 1–877–465–7975 and participant code 909 104 288. You may also join by Webex, using the link: Join Webex meeting; meeting number/access code: 909 104 288; and meeting password: mFuGm4Uv.

Registration: Attendees may register to attend the public meeting by emailing *henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov* by March 16, 2020. Early registration is encouraged because it will expedite entry into the building. The meeting will take place in a Federal building. Attendees should bring photo identification and plan for adequate time to pass through the security screening systems. Attendees who are not able to attend the meeting in person, but who wish to participate, may do so by phone or Web, as discussed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry Kim, Ph.D., FDA, at *henry.kim@fda.hhs.gov,* or the U.S. Codex office at *uscodex@usda.gov,* (202) 205–7760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade.

The CCCF is responsible for

(a) Establishing or endorsing permitted maximum levels and where necessary, revising existing guideline levels, for contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(b) Preparing priority lists of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants for risk assessment by the joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JEFCA).

(c) Considering and elaborating methods of analysis and sampling for the determination of contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed;

(d) Considering and elaborating standards or codes of practice for related subjects; and

(e) Considering other matters assigned to it by the Commission in relation to contaminants and naturally occurring toxicants in food and feed.

The Committee is chaired by the Netherlands.

Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 14th Session of the CCCF will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Matters referred to CCCF by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and/or its subsidiary bodies
- Matters of interest arising from FAO and WHO (including JECFA)
- Matters of interest arising from other international organizations
- Draft maximum levels (MLs) for cadmium for chocolates containing or declaring <30% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis
- Proposed draft MLs for cadmium in chocolate and chocolate products containing or declaring ≥30% to <50% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis; and cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis)
- Proposed draft Code of Practice (COP) for the prevention and reduction of cadmium contamination in cocoa beans
- Proposed draft MLs for lead in selected commodities for inclusion in the GSCTFF (CXC 193–1995)
- Proposed draft revision of the Code of Practice for the prevention and reduction of lead contamination in foods (CXC 56–2004)
- Proposed draft MLs for total aflatoxins in certain cereals and cereal-based products including foods for infants and young children
- MLs for methylmercury in additional fish species
- MLs for HCN in cassava and cassava-based products and COP for the prevention and reduction of mycotoxin contamination in cassava and cassava-based products
- MLs for cadmium and lead in quinoa