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*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0184]

#### Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of public meeting and request for suggested agenda topics.

**SUMMARY:** We are issuing this notice to inform producers and users of veterinary biological products, and other interested individuals, that we will be holding our 14th public meeting to discuss regulatory and policy issues related to the manufacture, distribution, and use of veterinary biological products. We are planning the meeting agenda and are requesting suggestions for topics of general interest to producers and other interested individuals.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held Wednesday, March 28, and Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on agenda topics, contact Dr. Byron E. Rippke, Director, Policy, Evaluation, and Licensing, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010-8197; phone (515) 232-5785, fax (515) 232-7120, or e-mail [CVB@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:CVB@aphis.usda.gov). For registration information, contact Ms. Gera Ashton at the same address and fax number; phone (515) 232-5785 extension 127; or e-mail [Gera.A.Ashton@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Gera.A.Ashton@aphis.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Since 1989, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has held 13 public meetings in Ames, IA, on veterinary biologics. The meetings provide an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers and users of veterinary biological products, and

other interested individuals. APHIS is in the process of planning the agenda for the 14th such meeting, which will be held March 28 and 29, 2007.

The agenda for the meeting is not yet complete. The theme for this year's meeting is influenza. Topics that have been suggested include: (1) Avian, swine, and equine influenza related topics; (2) pandemic influenza preparedness and related issues; (3) conditional licenses for canine influenza vaccines; (4) influenza diagnostics (rapid and otherwise); and (5) Veterinary Services and Center for Veterinary Biologics related issues. Before finalizing the agenda, APHIS is seeking suggestions for additional meeting topics from the interested public.

We would also like to invite interested individuals to use this meeting to present their ideas and suggestions concerning the licensing, manufacturing, testing, distribution, and regulation of products designed to diagnose, prevent, or treat animal diseases.

Please submit suggested meeting topics and proposed presentation titles to Dr. Byron E. Rippke (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above) on or before December 18, 2006. For proposed presentations, please include the name(s) of the presenter(s) and the approximate amount of time that will be needed for each presentation.

After the agenda is finalized, APHIS will announce the agenda topics in the **Federal Register**.

Done in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of November 2006.

**W. Ron DeHaven,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2006-0126]

#### Request for Information; Potential Sites for a Sterile Fruit Fly Production Facility or Potential Alternate Sources of Sterile Fruit Flies

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is exploring options for the construction of a multispecies exotic fruit fly facility and/

or the privatization of sterile fly production to provide backup capacity for our sterile fruit fly programs and emergency needs. APHIS recognizes the need to maintain a backup for sterile fruit fly production to respond to emergency outbreaks when they occur, and to ensure current preventive release programs in California, Florida, and Texas remain effective. In this notice, we are soliciting the submission of information from interested persons regarding potential sites for the production of sterile fruit flies or alternate sources of those flies.

**DATES:** We will consider all submissions of information that we receive on or before January 2, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Any information should be submitted, in writing, to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael B. Stefan, Director, Fruit Fly Exclusion and Detection Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 137, Riverdale, MD 20737-1229; (301) 734-4387.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On February 17, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 8563, Docket No. APHIS-2006-0007) a notice<sup>1</sup> advising the public we had prepared a draft document titled "Exotic Fruit Fly Strategic Plan FY 2006-2010" and made it available to the public for review and comment. Appendix A of that document discussed the potential actions we could take in response to the closing of the sterile Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) production facility in Waimanalo, HI. The following options were presented: (1) Do not replace the facility; (2) build a new production facility in Hawaii; (3) partner with California Department of Food and Agriculture to expand their sterile fruit fly production facility in Hawaii; or (4) build a multispecies facility in the continental United States or on foreign soil. Most of the comments we received on the draft strategic plan agreed on the need for a multispecies exotic fruit fly facility to provide backup capacity for our sterile fruit fly programs and emergency needs. Additionally, several

<sup>1</sup> To view the draft strategic plan and the comments we received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the "Advanced Search" tab, and select "Docket Search." In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS-2006-0007, then click on "Submit." Clicking on the Docket ID link in the search results page will produce a list of all documents in the docket.