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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 1999D-4577]

#### Guidance for Industry: Application of Current Statutory Authority to Nucleic Acid Testing of Pooled Plasma; Withdrawal of Draft Guidance

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal of a draft guidance entitled "Guidance for Industry: Application of Current Statutory Authority to Nucleic Acid Testing of Pooled Plasma" dated November 1999, that was announced in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 1999. In the draft guidance, FDA sought public comment on the development and implementation of nucleic acid testing (NAT) for infectious diseases.

**DATES:** Effective September 22, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Astrid L. Szeto, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-17), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-6210.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of November 26, 1999 (64 FR 66481), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance entitled "Guidance for Industry: Application of Current Statutory Authority to Nucleic Acid Testing of Pooled Plasma" dated November 1999. This draft guidance responded to industry's request for guidance in the development and implementation of NAT of pooled plasma in further improving the safety

of the nation's blood products. No NAT test kit manufacturers were licensed at that time. A number of manufacturers have subsequently been licensed for NAT, making the request for guidance in the development of NAT testing of pooled plasma for infectious agents now moot. This draft guidance is therefore being withdrawn as of September 22, 2003, because it is obsolete.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

**William K. Hubbard,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Receipt of Applications for Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit.

**SUMMARY:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written data, comments or requests must be received by September 22, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

*Applicant:* Miami Metrozoo, Miami, FL, PRT-069826.

The applicant requests a permit to export one male captive-born Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) to the Parque Ecoarqueologico Xcaret, Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive propagation and conservation education.

*Applicant:* Yale University, New Haven, CT, PRT-072747.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from sifaka (*Propithecus verreauxi verreauxi*) collected in the wild in Madagascar, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Texas Memorial Museum, Austin, TX, PRT-072019.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from Coahuilan box turtles (*Terrapene coahuila*) collected in the wild in Mexico, for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Susan C. Gardner, c/o U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cincinnati, OH, PRT-073075.

The applicant requests a permit to import samples and non-viable eggs obtained from green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and leather back sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), in Mexico, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Dr. Lisa K. Yon, University of California, Davis, CA, PRT-075293.

The applicant requests a permit to import serum, urine, and fecal samples obtained from 6 bull Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) captive-held at the Ayutthaya Elephant Palace and Royal Kraal, Thailand, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL, PRT-677336.

The applicant requests renewal of their permit to import export and re-export non-living museum specimens of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals previously accessioned into the applicant's collection for scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* Adam M. Vinatieri, North Attleboro, MA, PRT-075567.