

to take actions to prevent and to manage exotic diseases such as exotic Newcastle disease and other foreign diseases. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population and enhancing the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) ability to compete in exporting animals and animal products. A Final rule was published on July 19, 1999, that allow the importation of poultry carcasses from regions of the world where exotic Newcastle disease (END) exists, provided the carcasses did not originate in these regions, and provided the carcasses are processed and shipped according to APHIS requirements. APHIS will collect information using a certificate of origin, serial numbers, records that must be maintain for 2 years and a cooperative service agreement that must be signed.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to ensure that imported poultry carcasses pose a negligible risk of introducing END into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Responses: 4.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 30.

William McAndrew,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent to Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Genetics & IVF Institute, of Fairfax, Virginia, an exclusive license for all uses in the field of human sperm cell sorting to the invention disclosed in Patent No. 5,985,216 issued November 16, 1999, entitled "Flow Cytometry Nozzle for High Efficiency Cell Sorting." Notice of availability was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1998.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 4-1158, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Genetics & IVF Institute, has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 00-009N]

Membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the meat and poultry inspection programs. Nominations for membership are being sought from individuals representing producers, processors, marketers, exporters and importers of meat and poultry products; academia; State government officials; and consumers. This notice also informs members of the public as to how they may receive copies of the weekly FSIS Constituent Update, which provides information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, **Federal Register** notices, FSIS public meetings, recalls, and other relevant information.

DATES: Nomination packages for membership must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Margaret Glavin, Associate Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, Room 331-E, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Micchelli, Evaluation and Analysis Division, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 3833, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3700, 202-720-6269; Fax: 202-690-1030; E-mail: michael.micchelli@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is soliciting nominations for membership on the NACMPI. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture pertaining to the meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 205, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c), and sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b) and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e).

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Nominees will be considered without discrimination for any reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or marital status. Nominees will initially serve two-year terms. No member may serve on the NACMPI for more than three (3) consecutive terms. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. Committee members will be reimbursed for official travel expenses only. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least annually.

The nomination package should include the following information:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominees suitability to serve on the NACMPI.

2. A resume' or curriculum vitae.

All nominees will be requested to complete Form AD-755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information. This form will be mailed to all nominees upon receipt of their nomination. To ensure that recommendations of the NACMPI take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and