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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. 96-016-1]

Declaration of Extraordinary Emergency Because of Karnal Bunt

An exotic fungal disease, Karnal bunt, has been detected in the United States. The disease was detected in Arizona, and potentially contaminated seed was sent to New Mexico and Texas. The disease had not previously been detected in the United States.

Karnal bunt (*Tilletia indica*) is a serious disease of wheat, durum wheat, and triticale, a hybrid of wheat and rye. The disease affects both yield and grain quality. It adversely affects the color, odor, and palatability of flour and other foodstuffs made from wheat. It does not present a risk to human health.

If Karnal bunt is allowed to spread, the overall crop loss and impact on quality may be significant. The disease could affect United States grain exports. The United States is the world's leading wheat exporter, accounting for one-third of the world wheat exports. Wheat exports from the United States were valued at \$4.9 billion in Fiscal Year 1995. At least 21 countries are known to regulate or prohibit grain movement on the basis of Karnal bunt.

Control and eradication of Karnal bunt is difficult. Management of the disease is through quarantine and containment of regulated articles. Initial emergency action was taken by the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). APHIS and ADA have instituted emergency quarantines on the infected premises and are regulating the movement of seed, farm equipment, and soil associated with the infected wheat.

This infection of Karnal bunt represents a threat to United States wheat crops. It constitutes a real danger to the national economy and seriously

burdens interstate and foreign commerce. Therefore, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (the Department) has determined that an extraordinary emergency exists because of the existence of Karnal bunt in Arizona and possibly New Mexico and Texas.

The Department has reviewed the measures being taken by the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas to survey, regulate, and control Karnal bunt and has consulted with the Governors of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. Based on such review and consultation, the Department has determined that measures being taken by the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas are inadequate because these States are unable to take all of the measures required to obtain and maintain the cooperation of the owners of wheat crops necessary to effectively and efficiently control Karnal bunt.

Therefore, in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 150dd, this declaration of extraordinary emergency authorizes the Secretary to: (1) seize, quarantine, treat, apply other remedial measures to, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, in such manner as the Secretary deems appropriate, any product or article of any character whatsoever, or means of conveyance that the Secretary has reason to believe is infected by or contains Karnal bunt; (2) quarantine, treat, or apply other remedial measures to, in such manner as the Secretary deems appropriate, any premises, including articles on such premises, that the Secretary has reason to believe are infected by Karnal bunt. The Governors of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas have been informed of these facts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This declaration of extraordinary emergency shall become effective March 20, 1996.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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Food and Consumer Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Adolescent WIC Participants Study

AGENCY: Food and Consumer Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, this notice announces the Food and Consumer Service's (FCS) intention to request OMB approval of the Adolescent WIC Participants Study.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Michael E. Fishman, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Fishman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Adolescent WIC Participants Study.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Adolescent WIC Participants Study will determine whether adolescent WIC participants have needs that (a) set them apart from other WIC clients, and (b) require special program measures. The needs of adolescent participants will be assessed for each of the following WIC program benefits:

- Knowledge of nutrition,

- Adoption of healthy dietary practices,
- Knowledge of available health care services, and
- Access to available services.

Surveys of WIC clinic directors and adolescent participants will identify unique needs and determine the extent to which they are met by WIC.

A nationally representative sample of 150 local WIC agencies will be scientifically selected and divided into two subsamples, one containing 100 agencies and the other containing 50 agencies. An average of two clinics will be sampled from each of the 150 WIC agencies in the combined sample. The resulting 300 clinics will support a national survey of 300 WIC clinic directors. Clinic directors will be asked about the needs of adolescent clients, and whether special measures have been taken to meet such needs. The 100 clinics in the larger of the two subsamples will support a national survey of 3,000 adolescent WIC participants. This survey will assess needs of adolescent WIC participants.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to average 30 minutes for each WIC clinic director and 30 minutes for each adolescent WIC participant.

Respondents: WIC clinic directors will respond to a telephone survey. Adolescent WIC participants will respond to an audio computer assisted self-interviewing system.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300 directors of WIC clinics and 3,000 adolescent WIC participants.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: one.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,650 hours.

dated: March 18, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,
Administrator, Food and Consumer Service.
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Forest Service

Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on April 18, 1996, at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the Advisory Committee meeting is to utilize the Province Health Matrix to advise on proposed Timber sales for the Cowlitz,

Lewis, Wind River, and White Salmon Basins. Agenda items to be covered include: (1) 1996 and 1997 Timber Sale Program, (2) Updates from Subcommittees on the Social and Economic Indicators of Basin Health and Forest Monitoring Program, (3) Cispus AMA Update, (4) Replacements for vacated seats, (5) Flood damage report, and (6) Public Open Forum. The purpose of the Monitoring Subcommittee meeting is to develop a proposal on components of the forest Monitoring Program. All Southwest Washington Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The "open forum" provides opportunity for the public to bring issues, concerns, and discussion topics to the Advisory Committee. The "open forum" is scheduled as part of agenda item (1) for this meeting. Interested speakers will need to register prior to the open forum period. The committee welcomes the public's written comments on committee business at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Sue Lampe, Public Affairs, at (360) 750-5091, or write Forest Headquarters Office, Gifford Pinchot National Forest, 6926 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., PO Box 8944, Vancouver, WA 98668-8944.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Ted. C. Stubblefield,
Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 22-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 43, Battle Creek, Michigan, Application for Subzone Status; Abbott Manufacturing, Inc./ Ross Products, Plant (Infant Formula, Adult Nutritional Products), Sturgis, MI

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Battle Creek Michigan, grantee of FTZ 43, requesting special-purpose subzone status for export activity at the infant formula and adult nutritional products manufacturing plant of Abbott Manufacturing, Inc. (AMI) (a subsidiary of Abbott Laboratories, Inc.), located in Sturgis, Michigan. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part

400). It was formally filed on March 12, 1996.

The plant (624,000 sq.ft. on 76 acres), known as the Ross Products facility, is located at 901 N. Centreville Road, Sturgis (St. Joseph County), Michigan, approximately 45 miles southwest of Battle Creek. The facility (500 employees) is used to produce milk and sugar-based infant formula and adult nutritional products for export and the domestic market; however, zone procedures would be used only for production for export. The production process involves blending foreign, ex-quota milk powder and foreign, ex-quota sugar with domestically-sourced oils, soy isolates, vitamins and minerals, and EZO ends. Other foreign-sourced items that may be used in the export-blending activity include: cocoa powder, pharmaceutical grade fat emulsions, vitamins and minerals, and caseinates (up to 14% of finished product value). All foreign-origin milk and sugar would be re-exported as ingredients in finished blended products.

Zone procedures would exempt AMI from quota requirements and Customs duty payments on the foreign milk and sugar products used in the export activity and from Customs duty payments on the other foreign ingredients involved. The application indicates that subzone status would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is May 24, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to June 10, 1996).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Port Director, U.S. Customs Service, 4950 West Dickman Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015

Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3716, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002.