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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 Hy-Gene, Inc., of Ventura, California, an exclusive license for certain uses in the field of medical devices to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173, filed April 26, 1994, and U.S. Patent No. 5,676,994, issued October 14, 1997, both entitled "Non-Separable Starch-Oil Compositions." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/233,173 was published in the **Federal Register** on October 24, 1994; Patent No. 5,676,994 is a continuation of Serial No. 08/233,173.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of the Director, National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research, Room 2042, 1815 N. University Street, Peoria, Illinois 61604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Watkins of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research at the Peoria address given above; telephone: 309-681-6545.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Government's patent rights to these inventions are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license these inventions as Hy-Gene, Inc., 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.

**R.M. Parry, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Bylaws Of Corporation

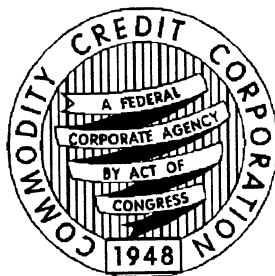
The Bylaws of the Commodity Credit Corporation, amended November 3, 1997, are as follows:

#### Offices

1. The principal office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, and the Corporation shall also have offices at such other places as it may deem necessary or desirable in the conduct of its business.

#### Seal

2. There is impressed below the official seal which is hereby adopted for the Corporation. The seal may be used by causing it or its facsimile to be impressed, affixed, or reproduced.



#### Meetings Of The Board

3. Meetings of the Board of Directors (Board) shall be held, whenever necessary, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the City of Washington, D.C. All meetings of the Board shall be held in accordance with provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b). Meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the Chairman,

the Vice Chairman, or the President. The Executive Vice President may call a meeting at the written request of any five Members. Notice of meetings shall be given either orally or in writing. Any Member may waive in writing any notice of a meeting, whether before or after the time of the meeting, and the presence of a Member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting. Any and all business may be transacted at any meeting unless otherwise indicated in the notice thereof.

4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as Chairman of the Board. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture shall serve as Vice Chairman of the Board and, in the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the absence or unavailability of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the President of the Corporation shall preside at meetings of the Board. In the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, and the President, the Members present at the meeting shall designate a Presiding Officer.

5. At any meeting of the Board a quorum shall consist of five Members. The act of a majority of the Members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board.

6. The General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, whose office shall perform all legal work of the Corporation, and the Associate General Counsel for International Affairs, Commodity Programs and Food Assistance Programs, shall serve as General Counsel and Associate General Counsel of the Corporation, respectively.

#### Compensation of Board Members

7. The compensation of each Member shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any Member who holds another office or position within the Federal Government shall receive compensation at the rate provided for such other office or position in lieu of compensation as a Member.

#### Officers

8. The officers of the Corporation shall be: a President; an Executive Vice President; Vice Presidents; Deputy Vice Presidents; a Secretary; a Deputy Secretary; an Assistant Secretary; a Controller; a Treasurer; a Chief Accountant; and such additional

officers as the Secretary of Agriculture may appoint.

9. The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services shall be the ex officio President of the Corporation.

10. The following officials of the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the Food and Consumer Service (FCS), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) shall be ex officio officers of the Corporation:

Administrator, FSA ..	Executive Vice President.
Administrator, AMS	Vice President.
Administrator, FAS ..	Vice President.
Administrator, FCS ..	Vice President.
Chief, NRCS .....	Vice President.
General Sales Manager, FAS.	Vice President.
Associate Administrator, FSA.	Vice President.
Deputy Administrator, Commodity Operations, FSA.	Deputy Vice President.
Deputy Administrator, Management, FSA.	Deputy Vice President.
Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs, FSA.	Deputy Vice President.
Director, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff, FSA.	Deputy Vice President.
Associate Chief, NRCS.	Deputy Vice President.
Deputy Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Programs, NRCS.	Deputy Vice President.
Deputy Chief, Management and Strategic Planning, NRCS.	Deputy Vice President.
Executive Assistant to the Administrator, FSA.	Secretary.
Office of the Administrator, FSA.	Deputy Secretary.
Office of the Administrator, FSA.	Assistant Secretary.
Director, Financial Management Division, FSA.	Controller.
Deputy Director, Financial Management Division, FSA.	Treasurer.
Chief, Financial Accounting and Reporting Branch, Financial Management Division, FSA.	Chief Accountant.

The person occupying, in an acting capacity, any position listed in this paragraph shall, during occupancy of such position, act as the corresponding officer of the Corporation.

11. Officers who do not hold office ex officio shall be appointed by the

Secretary of Agriculture and shall hold office until their respective appointments shall have been terminated.

#### The President

12. The President shall have general supervision and direction of the Corporation, its officers and employees.

#### The Vice Presidents

13. (a) The Executive Vice President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Except as provided in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) below, the Executive Vice President shall have general supervision and direction of: the preparation of policies and programs for submission to the Board; the administration of the policies and programs approved by the Board; and the day-to-day conduct of the business of the Corporation and its officers and employees.

(b) The Vice President who is the Administrator, FAS, shall be responsible for preparation for submission by the Executive Vice President to the Board of those policies and programs of the Corporation which are for performance through the facilities and personnel of FAS. This Vice President shall have responsibility for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FAS, and shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time to time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(c) The Vice President who is the Administrator, AMS, shall be responsible for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of AMS.

This Vice President shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(d) The Vice President who is the General Sales Manager, FAS, shall be responsible for preparation for submission by the Executive Vice President to the Board of those policies and programs of the Corporation which are for performance through the facilities and personnel of FAS. This Vice President shall also have responsibility for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under the policies and programs

approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FAS, and shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(e) The Vice President who is the Administrator, FCS, shall be responsible for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of FCS. This Vice President shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

(f) The Vice President who is the Chief, NRCS, shall be responsible for preparation for submission by the Executive Vice President to the Board of those policies and programs of the Corporation which are for performance through the facilities and personnel of NRCS. This Vice President shall have responsibility for the administration of those operations of the Corporation, under policies and programs approved by the Board, which are carried out through facilities and personnel of NRCS, and shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, or the President of the Corporation.

14. The Vice President who is the Associate Administrator, FSA, and the Deputy Vice Presidents shall assist the Executive Vice President to such extent as the President or the Executive Vice President shall prescribe, and shall perform such special duties and exercise such powers as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board, the President of the Corporation, or the Executive Vice President of the Corporation.

#### The Secretary

15. The Secretary shall: attend and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board; serve all required notices of meetings of the Board; sign all papers and instruments that require the Secretary's signature; attest the authenticity of and affix the seal of the Corporation upon any instrument requiring such action; and perform such other duties and exercise such other powers as are commonly incidental to the Office of Secretary as well as such other duties as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the President or the Executive Vice President.

**The Controller**

16. The Controller shall: have charge of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements and claims activities, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the President or the Executive Vice President.

**The Treasurer**

17. (a) The Treasurer shall: assist the Controller in the administration of all fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation, including all borrowings and related financial arrangements and claims activities, and perform such other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller, the President, or the Executive Vice President.

(b) The Treasurer, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall: supervise the receipt and disbursement of all funds of the Corporation; designate qualified persons to authorize disbursement of corporate funds; be responsible for documents relating to the general financing operations of the Corporation; and supervise the claims activities of the Corporation.

**The Chief Accountant**

18. The Chief Accountant, under the general supervision and direction of the Controller, shall: have charge of the general accounting books and accounts of the Corporation and the preparation of financial statements and reports; be responsible for the issuance of policies and practices related to accounting matters and procedures, including those dealing with official inventories and records; and perform such other duties relating to the fiscal and accounting affairs of the Corporation as may be prescribed, from time-to-time, by the Controller.

**Other Officials**

19. Except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board, the operations of the Corporation shall be carried out through the facilities and personnel of FSA, FAS, FCS, AMS, and NRCS in accordance with any assignment of functions and responsibilities made by the Secretary of Agriculture and, within the respective agency or office, by the Administrator of FSA, FAS, FCS, or AMS, the Chief NRCS, or the General Sales Manager, FAS.

20. The Directors of the divisions of FSA and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA shall be

Contracting Officers of the Corporation and executives of the Corporation in general charge of the activities of the Corporation carried out through their respective divisions or offices in accordance with these Bylaws and applicable programs, policies, and procedures.

**Contracts of the Corporation**

21. Contracts of the Corporation relating to any of its activities may be executed in its name by the Secretary of Agriculture or the President. The Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, the Treasurer, and the Directors of the divisions of FSA and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may execute contracts relating to the activities of the Corporation for which they are respectively responsible.

22. The Executive Vice President and, subject to the written approval by the Executive Vice President of each appointment, the Vice Presidents, the Deputy Vice Presidents, the Controller, and the Directors of the divisions of FSA and the Directors of the Kansas City Commodity Office and the Kansas City Management Office of FSA may appoint, by written instrument, such Contracting Officers as they deem necessary, who may, to the extent authorized by such instrument, execute contracts in the name of the Corporation. A copy of each such instrument shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

23. Appointments of Contracting Officers may be revoked by written instruction or instrument by the Executive Vice President or the official who made the appointment. A copy of each instrument shall be filed with the Secretary of the Corporation.

24. Employees of FSA, FAS, FCS, AMS and NRCS may execute contracts on behalf of the Corporation as delegated to them in accordance with applicable dockets of the Corporation, program regulations, or delegations approved by the President or Vice Presidents of the Corporation.

**Annual report**

25. The Executive Vice President shall be responsible for the preparation of an annual report of the activities of the Corporation, which shall be filed with the Secretary of Agriculture and with the Board.

**Amendments**

26. These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Board.

**Approval Of Board Action**

27. The actions of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture.

I, Juanita B. Daniels, Acting Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true, and correct copy of the Bylaws of Commodity Credit Corporation, as amended November 3, 1997.

In witness whereof I have officially subscribed my name and have caused the corporate seal of the said Corporation to be fixed this third day of November, 1997.

**Juanita B. Daniels,**

*Acting Secretary, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Food Safety and Inspection Service**

[Docket No. 97-071N]

**National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection**

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection will meet on January 13 and 14, 1998, to continue its consideration of three policy issues that it began discussing at its September 9, 10, and 11, 1997, meeting: (1) Interstate shipment of State-inspected product; (2) Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) inspection models; and (3) inspection resource management in a HACCP environment. The Committee will consider two new issues at the January meeting: (1) Roles of Federal, State, and local governments in farm-to-table food safety; and (2) policy on pathogen testing and product disposition. All interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting and to submit written comments and suggestions concerning issues the Committee plans to consider.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 13 and 14, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**COMMENTS:** Please send written comments on topics the Committee will consider at the January meeting to the FSIS Docket Clerk: Docket 97-071N, Room 102 Cotton Annex Building, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (202) 205-0381. The comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when it becomes available,