Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 99–045–1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690–2817 before coming.

APHIS documents published in the **Federal Register**, and related information, including the names of organizations and individuals who have commented on APHIS rules, are available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor.html.

You may request a copy of the draft ''Guideline on Good Clinical Practices'' by writing to Dr. Lawrence A. Elsken, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB–LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010, or by calling (515) 232–5785. The draft guideline is also available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb/lpd/notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding VICH, contact Dr. David A. Espeseth, Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Veterinary Services, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Licensing and Policy Development, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 148, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231; phone (301) 734–8245. For information regarding the draft guideline, contact Dr. Lawrence A. Elsken, USDA, APHIS, VS, CVB–LPD, 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, IA 50010; phone (515) 232–5785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Cooperation on Harmonization of Technical Requirements for the Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH) is a unique project that brings together the regulatory authorities of the European Union, Japan, and the United States and representatives from the animal health industry in the three regions to harmonize technical requirements for veterinary products (both drugs and biologics). Regulatory authorities and industry experts from Australia and New Zealand participate in an observer capacity. The VICH initiative is conducted under the auspices of the International Office of Epizootics. The World Federation of the Animal Health Industry (COMISA, the Confederation Mondiale de L'Industrie de la Sante Animale) provides the secretarial and administrative support for VICH activities.

The United States Government is represented in VICH by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The FDA provides expertise regarding veterinary drugs, while APHIS fills a corresponding role for veterinary biological products. As VICH members, APHIS and FDA participate in efforts to enhance harmonization and have expressed their commitment to seeking scientifically based harmonized technical requirements for the development of veterinary drugs and biological products. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and reduce the differences in technical requirements for veterinary medicines and biologics among regulatory agencies in different countries.

The draft document that is the subject of this notice, ''Guideline on Good Clinical Practices'' (VICH Topic GL9), has been made available by the VICH Steering Committee for comments by interested parties. The guideline is intended to be an international ethical and scientific quality standard for designing, conducting, monitoring, recording, auditing, analyzing, and reporting clinical studies evaluating veterinary products. Because the guideline would apply to veterinary biological products regulated by APHIS under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act—particularly with regard to prelicensing field studies testing the safety or efficacy of veterinary biological products—we are requesting comments on its provisions so that we may include any relevant public input on the draft in the Agency's comments to the VICH Steering Committee.

The draft document reflects current APHIS thinking on the design and conduct of all field studies testing the safety or efficacy of veterinary biological products in the target species. (The draft guideline refers to such studies as ''clinical studies.'') Once a final draft of ''Guideline on Good Clinical Practices'' has been approved, the guideline will, in accordance with the VICH process, be recommended for adoption by the regulatory bodies of the European Union, Japan, and the United States. As with all VICH documents, the guidelines, once finalized, will not create or confer any rights for or on any person and will not operate to bind APHIS or the public. Further, the VICH guidelines specifically provide for the use of alternative approaches if those approaches satisfy the requirements of applicable regulatory requirements.

Ultimately, APHIS intends to adopt the VICH Steering Committee's final guidance document and publish it for use by U.S. veterinary biologics licensees, permittees, and applicants. In addition, APHIS intends to use it as a basis for the approval of shipments of veterinary biological products for experimental use under 9 CFR 103.3. APHIS may also use the final guidance document as the basis for proposed additions or amendments to its regulations in 9 CFR subchapter E (Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Organisms and Vectors). Given that we anticipate that the applicable provisions of ''Guideline on Good Clinical Practices'' will be introduced into APHIS' veterinary biologics regulatory program in the future, we encourage your comments on the draft version of those guidelines.

Authority: 21 U.S.C. 151 *et seq.*

Done in Washington, DC, this 24th day of June 1999.

Craig A. Reed,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

U.S. Warehouse Act Fees

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes a schedule increasing the annual operational fee warehouse operators are charged under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA). This action is needed to increase the amount of revenue generated to recover operational costs projected for operations under the USWA in fiscal year 2000. This notice does not change any of the other various license or inspection fees charged under the USWA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Mikkelsen, Deputy Director, Warehouse and Inventory Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 0553, Washington, DC 20250–0553, telephone (202) 720–2121 FAX: (202) 690–3123, E–Mail: Steve__Mikkelsen@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

Background

The Secretary has the authority to license public warehouses and assess warehouse operators fees under the United States Warehouse Act (USWA) (7 U.S.C. 241 *et seq*). Warehouse operators licensed under the USWA understand that fees will be imposed to cover the costs of the program. Specifically, section 10 of the USWA (7 U.S.C 249) mandates the imposition of fees for USWA licensed warehouses. The USWA provides for licensing warehouses, for examining licensed warehouses, and for the collection of fees to sustain the USWA warehouse licensing and examination programs. In keeping with that responsibility the Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is raising USWA annual operational fees charged to licensed warehouses in order to assure the recovery of operational costs projected for USWA activities in fiscal year 2000. The fiscal year 2000 fee adjustment reflects a 2.0 percent increase in the annual fees. No increase is being made in other license or inspection fees charged under the USWA.

USWA fees vary by the type of storage warehouse and were last amended effective October 1, 1998, (63 FR 35186, June 29, 1998). None of last year's increases for any particular type of warehouse exceeded 7.5 percent and varied based on FSA's direct costs with respect to warehouse examinations for that type of warehouse. The regulations issued under the USWA, codified at 7 CFR Parts 735 through 743, provide that fees charged warehouse operators under the USWA could be adjusted annually. The schedule below sets out all of the relevant fees and charges for licensing and examination and reflects the increased annual fees noted above.

USWA Schedule for License, Inspection and Annual Operational Fees To Be Paid by Warehouse Operators

Warehouse and Service License Fees

The fee for original issuance, reissuance, or duplication of a license for cotton, grain, tobacco, wool, dry beans, nut, syrup, and cottonseed is $80 for each license issued.

The fee charged to license individuals to inspect, sample, grade, classify, or weigh commodities is $35 for each service license issued.

Warehouse Annual and Inspection Fees

These fees are shown in the following tables by agricultural product. Inspection fees are assessed for each original examination or inspection, or reexamination or reinspection for modification of an existing license. Annual fees are assessed independently of inspection fees and of the license fees set forth in the preceding paragraph.

COTTON

[In bales]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1–20,000	$600	$1,095
20,001–40,000	785	1,430
40,001–60,000	965	1,755
60,001–80,000	1,210	2,200
80,001–100,000	1,510	2,745
100,001–120,000	1,810	3,290
120,001–140,000	2,110	3,840
140,001–160,000	2,410	4,385
160,001+	*2,410	**4,385

*Plus $60 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.
**Plus $110 per 5,000 bale capacity above 160,000 bales or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of $80 for each 1,000 bales of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

GRAIN

[In bushels]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee for each warehouse location with a CCC storage agreement	Annual fee for each warehouse location without a CCC storage agreement
1–150,000	$160	$285
150,001–250,000	315	575
250,001–500,000	470	850
500,001–750,000	635	1,150
750,001–1,000,000	785	1,430
1,000,001–1,200,000	945	1,715
1,200,001–l,500,000	1,095	1,995
1,500,001–2,000,000	1,255	2,280
2,000,001–2,500,000	1,415	2,570
2,500,001–5,000,000	1,565	2,845
5,000,001–7,500,000	1,730	3,140
7,500,001–10,000,000	1,885	3,430
10,000,001+	*1,885	**3,430

*Plus $50 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.

** Plus $90 per million bushels above 10,000,000 or fraction thereof.

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of $16 for each 10,000 bushels of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

DRY BEANS

[In hundredweight]

Licensed capacity	Annual fee
100–90,000	$785
90,001–150,000	1,095
150,001–300,000	1,415
300,001–450,000	1,730
450,001–600,000	2,040
600,001–720,000	2,350
720,001–900,000	2,670
900,001–1,200,000	2,985
1,200,001–1,500,000	3,290
1,500,001–3,000,000	3,605
3,000,001+	3,920

Inspection fees will be charged at the rate of $16 for each 1,000 hundredweight of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

Tobacco and Wool

Annual fee: $16 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $630.

Inspection fee: $16 for each 100,000 pounds of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

Nuts

Annual fee: $14 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $630.

Inspection fee: $8 for each 100 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, of peanuts and $14 for each 1,000 hundredweight, or fraction thereof, of other nuts, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

Syrup

Annual fee: $6 for each 5,000 gallons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $630.

Inspection fee: $6 for each 5,000 gallons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

Cottonseed

Annual fee: $16 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $630.

Inspection fee: $16 for each 1,000 short tons of licensed capacity, or fraction thereof, but in no case less than $160 nor more than $1,600.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 21, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice of Appealable Decisions for the Intermountain Region; Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the newspapers that will be used by all ranger districts, forests, and the Regional Office of the Intermountain Region to publish legal notice of all decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217. The intended effect of this action is to inform interested members of the public which newspapers will be used to publish legal notices of decisions, thereby allowing them to receive constructive notice of a decision, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeals process.

DATES: Publication of legal notices in the listed newspapers will begin with decisions subject to appeal that are made on or after June 1, 1999. The list of newspapers will remain in effect until January 1, 2000 when another notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Murphy, Regional Appeals Manager, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401, Phone (801) 625–5274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The administrative appeal procedures 36 CFR 215 and 36 CFR 217, of the Forest Service require publication of legal notice in a newspaper of general circulation of all decisions subject to appeal. This newspaper publication of notices of decisions is in additions to direct notice to those who have requested notice in writing and to those who requested notice in writing and to those known to be interested and affected by a specific decision.

The legal notice is to identify: The decision by title and subject matter; the date of the decision; the name and title of the official making the decision; and how to obtain copies of the decision. In additions, the notice is to state the date the appeal period begins which is the day following publication of the notice.

The timeframe for appeal shall be based on the date of publication of the notice in the first (principal) newspaper listed for each unit.

The newspapers to be used are as follows:

Regional Forester, Intermountain Region

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Idaho:

The Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Nevada:

The Reno Gazette-Journal, Reno, Nevada

For decisions made by the Regional Forester affecting National Forests in Wyoming:

Casper Star-Tribune, Casper, Wyoming