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**CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 04-11**

Veterinary Services

**Subject:** Name Change for Biologicals Containing *Actinomyces pyogenes*

Center for Veterinary  
Biologics

**To:** Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants  
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**I. PURPOSE**

This notice serves to inform licensees, permittees, and applicants of a change in the true name of products containing *Actinomyces pyogenes*.

**II. BACKGROUND**

*Actinomyces pyogenes* has been renamed *Arcanobacterium pyogenes* as a result of recent taxonomic investigations. In keeping with our policy of using currently recognized nomenclature, products containing an *Actinomyces pyogenes* fraction will have the true name of that fraction changed to Arcanobacterium Pyogenes.

**III. ACTION**

All licenses issued subsequent to June 30, 2004, for products containing an *Actinomyces pyogenes* fraction will reflect the new nomenclature. For currently licensed products, Outlines of Production and labels should be revised not later than September 30, 2005. If desired, labels may include both genus names [i.e., Arcanobacterium (Actinomyces) Pyogenes] until September 30, 2006.

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