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CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 09-24

TO: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
    Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics
    Veterinary Services Management Team

    Director
    Center for Veterinary Biologics

SUBJECT: Issuance of a Conditional License for Swine Influenza Vaccine, pH1N1, Killed Virus

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has issued a conditional United States Veterinary Biological Product License to Pfizer Animal Health, Establishment No. 189, Lincoln, Nebraska for the manufacture and distribution of Swine Influenza Vaccine, pH1N1, Killed Virus.

A veterinary biological product regulated under the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act must be shown to be pure, safe, potent, and efficacious before a veterinary biological product license may be issued. The regulations in Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 102, regarding the licensing of biological products provide that a conditional veterinary biological product license may be issued to meet an emergency situation, limited market, local situation, or special circumstance. The special circumstance addressed here is the need for a product to vaccinate pigs against pandemic H1N1 influenza virus.

Conditionally licensed products are required to be pure and safe, and have a reasonable expectation of efficacy. This conditional license was issued on the basis that Pfizer Animal Health has demonstrated that the product has a reasonable expectation of efficacy. Safety of the product has been established through a safety study. Pfizer Animal Health has provided a written commitment to APHIS to complete studies to demonstrate the efficacy of this product and to conduct any other work required for full licensure. APHIS will evaluate their progress throughout the next year. The conditional license will expire one year from the date of the license.