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Ms. Elena Pushnova

January 28, 2011

Dear Ms. Pushnova:

This is in response to your June 9, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for Outlines of Productions regarding dog skin melanoma plasmid DNA vaccine produced by Merial Ltd, and conditionally approved by the USDA. Your request was received via email on June 9, 2010, and assigned FOIA 10-491. We sincerely apologize for the delay of this response.

The Office of Veterinary Services conducted a search of their files and located the Outline of Production for Canine Melanoma Vaccine, DNA, Code 9240.D, and all the Special Outline as requested, totaling 111 documents. The documents are on enclosed CD-ROM. Portions of information has been withheld under Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) of the FOIA. Exemption 4 permits the Government to withhold proprietary business information obtained from a person [that is] privileged or confidential. Specifically, we have withheld standard operating procedures, detailed protocols, studies, and product formula information.

Additionally, portions of information has been withheld under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) of the FOIA. Exemption 6 permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The release of this information will not shed any light on Government operations. Specifically, we have withheld the names and signatures of company employees from the enclosures.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-491 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

All fees for processing your request have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Staff at 301-734-8296.

Sincerely,



for:

Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
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