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Animal and
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Dear Mr. Carter:

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This is in response to your April 7, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of an Outline of Production for Synbiotics Corp., Est. 312. This outline was for a U.S. Veterinary Biological Product License for Product Code 3405.00, Canine Lymphoma Monoclonal Antibody. Your request was received in this office on April 7, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-392. We apologize for the delay in processing this request.

Freedom of
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 19 pages of responsive records to your request. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information (CBI) from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or a corporation from whom the information was obtained. We have withheld information on source/accession date; hybridoma cell line; master cell stock; ascites fluids; antibody purification and other proprietary data.

In addition, portions of information has been withheld under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). 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 of representatives of the private companies and associations.

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

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-392 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.

Because the cost to process your request was less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robbie Perry of my staff at (301) 734-8696.

Sincerely,

Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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