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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 1999D-4577]

Guidance for Industry: Application of Current Statutory Authority to Nucleic Acid Testing of Pooled Plasma; Withdrawal of Draft Guidance

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration,
HHS.

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug
Administration (FDA) is announcing the
withdrawal of a draft guidance entitled
“Guidance for Industry: Application of
Current Statutory Authority to Nucleic
Acid Testing of Pooled Plasma” dated
November 1999, that was announced in
the **Federal Register** on November 26,
1999. In the draft guidance, FDA sought
public comment on the development
and implementation of nucleic acid
testing (NAT) for infectious diseases.

DATES: Effective September 22, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Astrid L. Szeto, Center for Biologics
Evaluation and Research (HFM-17),
Food and Drug Administration, 1401
Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-
1448, 301-827-6210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice
published in the **Federal Register** of
November 26, 1999 (64 FR 66481), FDA
announced the availability of a draft
guidance entitled “Guidance for
Industry: Application of Current
Statutory Authority to Nucleic Acid
Testing of Pooled Plasma” dated
November 1999. This draft guidance
responded to industry’s request for
guidance in the development and
implementation of NAT of pooled
plasma in further improving the safety

of the nation’s blood products. No NAT
test kit manufacturers were licensed at
that time. A number of manufacturers
have subsequently been licensed for
NAT, making the request for guidance
in the development of NAT testing of
pooled plasma for infectious agents now
moot. This draft guidance is therefore
being withdrawn as of September 22,
2003, because it is obsolete.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

William K. Hubbard,

*Associate Commissioner for Policy and
Planning.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of
Applications for Permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to
comment on the following applications
to conduct certain activities with
endangered species and/or marine
mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or
requests must be received by September
22, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other
information submitted with these
applications are available for review,
subject to the requirements of the
Privacy Act and Freedom of Information
Act, by any party who submits a written
request for a copy of such documents
within 30 days of the date of publication
of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service, Division of Management
Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive,
Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203;
fax 703/358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Division of Management Authority,
telephone 703/358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on
the following applications for a permit
to conduct certain activities with
endangered species. This notice is
provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of
the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as
amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).
Written data, comments, or requests for
copies of these complete applications
should be submitted to the Director
(address above).

Applicant: Miami Metrozoo, Miami,
FL, PRT-069826.

The applicant requests a permit to
export one male captive-born Baird’s
tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) to the Parque
Ecoarqueológico Xcaret, Mexico, for the
purpose of enhancement of the survival
of the species through captive
propagation and conservation
education.

Applicant: Yale University, New
Haven, CT, PRT-072747.

The applicant requests a permit to
import biological samples from sifaka
(*Propithecus verreauxi verreauxi*)
collected in the wild in Madagascar, for
scientific research. This notification
covers activities to be conducted by the
applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Texas Memorial Museum,
Austin, TX, PRT-072019.

The applicant requests a permit to
import biological samples from
Coahuilan box turtles (*Terrapene
coahuila*) collected in the wild in
Mexico, for scientific research. This
notification covers activities to be
conducted by the applicant over a five-
year period.

Applicant: Susan C. Gardner, c/o U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency,
Cincinnati, OH, PRT-073075.

The applicant requests a permit to
import samples and non-viable eggs
obtained from green sea turtle (*Chelonia
mydas*), olive ridley sea turtle
(*Lepidochelys olivacea*), hawksbill sea
turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and
leather back sea turtle (*Dermochelys
coriacea*), in Mexico, for the purpose of
enhancement of the species through
scientific research. This notification
covers activities to be conducted by the
applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: Dr. Lisa K. Yon, University
of California, Davis, CA, PRT-075293.

The applicant requests a permit to
import serum, urine, and fecal samples
obtained from 6 bull Asian elephants
(*Elephas maximus*) captive-held at the
Ayutthaya Elephant Palace and Royal
Kraal, Thailand, for the purpose of
scientific research. This notification
covers activities to be conducted by the
applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Florida Museum of Natural
History, Gainesville, FL, PRT-677336.

The applicant requests renewal of
their permit to import export and re-
export non-living museum specimens of
endangered and threatened species of
plants and animals previously
accessioned into the applicant’s
collection for scientific research. This
notification covers activities to be
conducted by the applicant over a five-
year period.

Applicant: Adam M. Vinatieri, North
Attleboro, MA, PRT-075567.