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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. MONSANTO COMPANY, Defendant.	CRIMINAL NO. 1:05-cr-008-ESH-ALL 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1(a), 78dd-2(a) (Foreign Corrupt Practices Act) 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b) (False Books and Records)

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that the Deferred Prosecution Agreement, tendered to the Court on January 6, 2005, is hereby APPROVED *nunc pro tunc* to the date of its filing, January 6, 2005, and made an Order of this Court. This matter shall remain on the Court's docket for control purposes until the case is either dismissed or prosecuted, as indicated in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement, unless the Court is notified in the interim of some issue that requires further review or consideration. Because the period of delay under the Deferred Prosecution Agreement is for the purpose of allowing the defendant to demonstrate its good conduct, among other things, it is hereby ORDERED that the three year period set forth in paragraph 12 of the Deferred Prosecution Agreement be excluded from the computation of time within which trial on the charges set forth in the Information filed in this matter must commence pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(2).

Ordered on this 15th day of March, 2005.

United States District Judge