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### **FOOD THICKENERS AND STABILIZERS: USA AND W. EUROPE MARKET UPDATE: 1990**

IMR plan an update of their 'Food Thickener and Stabilizer' survey which was conducted in 1986 and published in 1987.

The geographic and product scope will be the same as for the 1986 survey, i.e.

Countries: USA, UK, France, W. Germany, Italy.

Hydrocolloids: starch, gelatin, xanthan, arabic, alginates, carrageenan, locust bean gum, pectin, CMC, other cellulose, guar gum, agar, tragacanth, karaya, other food hydrocolloids.

For each product in each country a new estimate of the 1989 market size will be made in terms of volume and value. This will include local prices, and major suppliers. A five year forecast will also be made to estimate 1994 consumption.

Any new/revived applications, (poultry, reformed meats...); hydrocolloids (gellan, konjac, chitosan...) or processes/properties (acid stable, smoother flowing...) will be established and analyzed in the update report which will be published in the third quarter of 1990. Further details can be obtained from: IMR International, PO Box 28993, San Diego, CA 92128, USA.