assist the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) in establishing Medicare coverage policy. The information being sought by this notice is a review and evaluation of past, current, and planned research related to this technology, as well as a bibliography of published, controlled clinical trials and other well-designed clinical studies. Information related to the characteristics of the patient population most likely to benefit from lung volume reduction surgery, as well as information on the clinical acceptability, effectiveness, and the extent of use of this technology, is also being sought.

The AHCPR is interested in receiving information which would help in the evaluation or review of the technology as described above. To enable the interested scientific community to evaluate the information included in the assessment, AHCPR will discuss in the assessment only those data and analyses for which a source(s) can be cited. Respondents are therefore encouraged to include with their submissions a written consent permitting AHCPR to cite the sources of the data and comments provided. Otherwise, in accordance with the confidentiality statute governing information collected by AHCPR, 42 U.S.C. 299a–1(c), no information received will be published or disclosed which could identify an individual or entity described in the information, or could identify an entity or individual supplying the information.

Any person or group wishing to provide AHCPR with information relevant to this assessment should do so in writing no later than February 13, 1996 to: Thomas V. Holohan, M.D., FACP, Acting Director, Center for Health Care Technology, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 309, Rockville, MD 20852, Phone: (301) 594–4023.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Subcommittee on Health Statistics for Minority and Other Special Populations: Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following subcommittee meeting.

Name: NCVHS Subcommittee on Health Statistics for Minority and Other Special Populations.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., December 7, 1995.

Place: Room 337A–339A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The Subcommittee will meet with Audrey Burwell, Grants Coordinator for the NCHS Minority Health Statistics Grants Program, to plan a joint conference designed, in part, to evaluate past performance of the Grants Program. In addition, the Subcommittee will gather information about race and ethnicity data collected in the context of Medicaid waivers granted to various states.

Contact Person For More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Gail F. Fisher, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782, telephone 301/436–7050.

Dated: November 8, 1995.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Disease, Disability, Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health—Program Announcement 565: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control SEP: Grants for Education Programs in Occupational Safety and Health—Program Announcement 565.

Times and Dates: 8 p.m.–10 p.m., January 7, 1996; 8 a.m.–6 p.m., January 8, 1996; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., January 9, 1996.

Place: Commonwealth Hilton Hotel, I–75 and Turfway Road, Florence, Kentucky 45275.

Status: Closed.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement 123.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92–463.

Contact Person For More Information: Bernadine Kuchinski, Ph.D., Occupational Health Consultant, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, Mailstop D40, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639–3342.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Fees for Sanitation Inspections of Cruise Ships

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces fees for vessel sanitation inspections effective January 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas E. O'Toole, Deputy Chief, Special Programs Group, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Mailstop F–29, Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone (404) 488–7070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Background

The fee schedule for sanitation inspections of passenger cruise ships currently inspected under the CDC Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) was first published in the Federal Register on November 24, 1987 (52 FR 45019), and CDC began collecting fees on March 1, 1988. Since then, CDC has revised the fee schedule annually. This notice announces fees effective January 1, 1996.

The formula used to determine the fees is as follows:

$$\text{Average cost per inspection} = \frac{\text{Total Cost of VSP}}{\text{Weighted No. of Annual Inspections}}$$

The average cost per inspection is then multiplied by a size/cost factor to determine the fee for vessels in each size category. The size/cost factor was established in the proposed fee schedule published in the Federal Register on July 17, 1987 (52 FR 27060), and revised in a schedule published in the Federal Register on November 28, 1989 (54 FR 48942). The revised cost/factor is presented in Appendix A.

Fees

The fee schedule is presented in Appendix A and will be effective

January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996. However, should there be a substantial increase in the cost of air transportation, it may be necessary to adjust the fees prior to December 31, 1996, since travel constitutes a sizable portion of the costs of this program. If such an adjustment in the fee schedule is necessary, a notice will be published in the Federal Register 30 days prior to the effective date.

Applicability

The fees will be applicable to all passenger cruise vessels for which sanitation inspections are conducted as part of the Vessel Sanitation Program, CDC.

Dated: November 8, 1995.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Appendix A

SIZE/COST FACTOR

Vessel size	GRT [1]	Average cost X
Extra small ..	(<3,001)	0.25
Small	(3,001–15,000)	0.5
Medium	(15,001–30,000)	1.0
Large	(30,001–60,000)	1.5
Extra large ..	(≤60,000)	2.0

[1] GRT-Gross Register tonnage in cubic feet, as shown in Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

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Vessel size	GRT [1]	Fee
Extra small	(<3,001)	$1,024
Small	(3,001–15,000)	2,048
Medium	(15,001–30,000)	4,095
Large	(30,001–60,000)	6,143
Extra large	(≤60,000)	8,191
Inspections and reinspections involve the same procedure, require the same amount of time and will, therefore, be charged at the same rate.		

[1] GRT-Gross Register tonnage in cubic feet, as shown in Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 95F–0365]

Sasol Alpha Olefins; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Sasol Alpha Olefins has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of ethylene/pentene-1 copolymers containing not less than 90 percent of polymer units derived from ethylene as components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by December 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1–23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel N. Harrison, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204–0002, 202–418–3080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (sec. 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 348(b)(5))), notice is given that a food additive petition (FAP 5B4482) has been filed by Sasol Alpha Olefins, P.O. Box 5486, Johannesburg 2000, Republic of South Africa. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 177.1520 *Olefin polymers* (21 CFR 177.1520) to provide for the safe use of ethylene/pentene-1 copolymers containing not less than 90 percent of polymer units derived from ethylene as components of articles intended for use in contact with food.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on public display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before December 15, 1995, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the Federal Register. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the Federal Register in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: October 19, 1995.

Alan M. Rulis,

Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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Regulatory Policy Issues in the Development and Manufacture of Biopharmaceuticals and Other Biotechnology Derived Products; Notice of Public Workshops

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, and Office of External Affairs) is announcing two free public workshops to assist small companies that are developing and producing biopharmaceutical and biologic therapeutic products for clinical trials and product marketing approval. The workshops will address regulatory policy issues, licensing requirements, cooperative manufacturing arrangements, multiproduct facilities, clinical trial design, and manufacturing requirements for clinical material. These workshops are a continuance of the grassroots partnering approach with front line regulators and the people affected by the work of this agency.

DATES: The public workshops are scheduled as follows:

1. Tuesday, November 28, 1995, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Baltimore, MD.

2. Thursday, November 30, 1995, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Woburn, MA.