PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GULF WAR VETERANS' ILLNESSES

Meeting

AGENCY: Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of a panel of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. The panel will discuss decisionmaking related to the use of investigational drugs and vaccines in the Gulf War and will receive comment from members of the public. Dr. Arthur L. Caplan will chair this panel meeting.

DATES: January 12, 1996, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Westin Crown Center, One Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO 64108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses by Executive Order 12961, May 26, 1995. The purpose of this committee is to review and provide recommendations on the full range of government activities associated with Gulf War veterans' illnesses. The committee reports to the President through the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The committee members have expertise relevant to the functions of the committee and are appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, January 12, 1996

8:30 a.m. Call to order and opening remarks
8:40 a.m. Public comment
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Public comment (cont.)
11:15 a.m. Briefings and discussion on decisionmaking processes
12:15 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Briefings and discussion on waiver informed consent
2:30 p.m. Break
2:45 p.m. Briefings and discussion on current policy and implications for the future
3:45 p.m. Strategies and next steps
4:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned

A final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact the Advisory Committee at the address or telephone number listed below at least five business days prior to the meeting. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations from individuals who have not yet had an opportunity to address the Advisory Committee. The panel chair is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. People who wish to file written statements with the Advisory Committee may do so at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael E. Kowalok, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses, 1411 K Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 761–0066, Fax: (202) 761–0310.

Dated: December 8, 1995.

C.A. Bock,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCPR's) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review of two proposed data collection projects. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the AHCPR invites the public to comment on these proposed information collections.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Carole Dilliard, Reports Clearance Officer, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 502, Rockville, MD 20852–4908.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed data collections. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

In accordance with the above cited legislation, comments on the data collection proposals are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Dillard, AHCPR's Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594–1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Projects

1. Evaluation of the kiosk-based ChoiceCard. This computer program, designed by Benova, Inc. through the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program, assists Medicaid recipients in choosing health plans. A sample of individuals who used the system will be asked questions about the usefulness of the decision-support system. The survey results will help to refine the kiosk-based, ChoiceCard computer program. Burden estimates follow:

	Consumer
Number of respondents	300.
Number of surveys per respondent.	1.
Average burden/response	.5 hours.
Estimated total burden/response	150 hours.

2. Evaluation of decision-support materials for helping consumers to choose health plans. These print and video materials, designed by Abacus through the Small Business Innovative Research Program (SBIR), were developed to help minority and underserved workers and Medicaid recipients and their families in choosing health care plans. The survey will be filled out by consumers after they use the decision-support materials and the results will be used to refine those materials. Burden estimates follow:

	Consumer
Number of respondents	150.
Number of surveys per respondent.	1.
Average burden/response	.25 hours.
Estimated total burden/response	38 hours.

Copies of these data collection plans and instruments can be obtained from AHCPR's Reports Clearance Officer (see above for details).

Dated: December 7, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus, Sc.D.,

Administrator.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 95G–0389]

Aplin & Barrett Ltd.; Filing of Petition for Affirmation of GRAS Status

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Aplin & Barrett Ltd., has filed a petition (GRASP 5G0417) proposing to affirm that nisin preparation is generally recognized as safe (GRAS) as an antimicrobial agent in sauces and nonstandardized salad dressings.

DATES: Written comments by February 27, 1996.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary E. LaVecchia, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–217), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3072.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 201(s) and 409(b)(5) (21 U.S.C. 321(s) and 348(b)(5)) and the regulations for affirmation of GRAS status in § 170.35 (21 CFR 170.35), notice is given that Aplin & Barrett Ltd., c/o 700 13th St. NW., suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005, has filed a petition (GRASP 5G0417) proposing that nisin preparation be affirmed as GRAS for use as an antimicrobial agent in sauces and nonstandardized salad dressings.

The petition has been placed on display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above).

Any petition that meets the requirements outlined in §§ 170.30 (21 CFR 170.30) and 170.35 is filed by the agency. There is no prefiling review of the adequacy of data to support a GRAS conclusion. Thus, the filing of a petition for GRAS affirmation should not be interpreted as a preliminary indication of suitability for GRAS affirmation.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. If 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).

Interested persons may, on or before February 27, 1996, review the petition and file comments with the Dockets Management Branch (address above). Two copies of any comments should be filed and should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments should include any available information that would be helpful in determining whether the substance is, or is not, GRAS for the proposed use. In addition, consistent with the regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency encourages public participation by review of and comment on the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice. A copy of the petition (including the environmental assessment) and received comments may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: November 21, 1995.

Alan M. Rulis,

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

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Health Care Financing Administration

Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Reconciliation of State Invoice (Formerly: Remittance Advice Report) and Prior Quarter Adjustment Statement; *Form No.:* HCFA–304, HCFA–304a; *Use:* The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 requires drug labelers to enter into and have in effect a rebate agreement with HCFA for States to receive funding for drugs dispensed to Medicaid recipients.

The regulation at 42 CFR 447.534 requires labelers to report specific drug rebate data to States when payment is made; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; *Number of Respondents:* 520; *Total Annual Responses:* 2,080; *Total Annual Hours Requested:* 170,560. To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 60 days of this notice direct to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Attention: Linda Mansfield, Room C2–26–17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: December 7, 1995.

Kathleen B. Larson,

Director, Management Planning and Analysis Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration.

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Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summaries of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any