

permit so that the permit expires either on the effective date of a final rule to establish a standard of identity for white chocolate, which may result from the petitions, or 30 days after termination of such rulemaking.

Hershey is now requesting that the extended temporary permit be amended to provide for up to 13,600,000 kg (30,000,000 lb) of a different product, containing white chocolate, that also contains chocolate cookies. Hershey is also requesting that the permit be amended to allow an additional plant where this product can be manufactured.

The agency finds that it is in the interest of the consumer to amend the extended temporary permit to allow for market testing of another product containing white chocolate. Therefore, under the provisions of § 130.17(f), FDA is modifying the extended temporary permit granted to Hershey to provide for the market testing of up to 13,600,000 kg (30,000,000 lb) of the new test product on an annual basis in addition to the 21,800,000 kg (48,000,000 lb) of test product authorized in the original permit. The new test product, in bar and bite size forms, will bear the fanciful name "Hershey's Cookies 'n' Creme Chocolate Cookie Bits in White Chocolate." The white chocolate meets the compositional requirements of the current temporary permit. FDA is also modifying the extended temporary permit to provide for an additional plant at Hershey Chocolate, U.S.A., 19 East Chocolate Ave., Hershey, PA 17033, where the product may be manufactured. The product will be distributed nationwide.

Each of the ingredients used in the food must be declared on the label as required by the applicable sections of 21 CFR part 101. This amended extended permit expires either on the effective date of a final rule to establish a standard of identity for white chocolate, which may result from the petitions, or 30 days after termination of such rulemaking. All other conditions and terms of the extended permit remain the same.

Dated: December 15, 1995.

F. Edward Scarbrough,
Director, Office of Food Labeling, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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[Docket No. 95S-0199]

Report of the Fluoroquinolone Working Group; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the report of the Center for Veterinary Medicine's (CVM's) Fluoroquinolone Working Group (FQWG). The report addresses issues and contains recommendations regarding policies and procedures related to approval of fluoroquinolone (FQ) antimicrobial drugs in food animals. The report of the FQWG is in response to concerns that approval of FQ drugs for use in food animals may result in increased development of FQ resistance in zoonotic organisms harbored by food animals that are transmitted to humans and cause disease.

DATES: Written comments on the report may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the report to the Communication and Education Branch (HFV-12), Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests. Submit written comments on the report to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville MD, 20857. Requests and comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. A copy of the report and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda A. Grassie, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-12), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-594-1755.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing the availability of the report of CVM's FQWG. The report addresses issues and recommendations concerning approval of FQ drugs for use in food animals. In response to concerns that approval of FQ drugs for use in food animals may result in increased development of FQ resistance in zoonotic organisms harbored by food animals that are transmitted to humans and cause disease. FDA convened a joint meeting of the CVM and Center for

Drug Evaluation and Research advisory committees on May 11 and 12, 1994. Members of the joint advisory committee stated that FQ drugs could be approved for use in food animals, if CVM restricts their use so that FQ's are safe and effective under approved conditions of use and recommended that CVM monitor the emergence of FQ resistance. In response to the public health concerns that were raised, CVM formed the FQWG to provide recommendations of policies and procedures relevant to the approval of FQ drugs in food animals. FDA is announcing that the report of the FQWG has been accepted by the Director, CVM, and is available for public inspection and comment.

Interested persons may, at any time, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the report of CVM's FQWG. 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 the heading of this document. The report, appendices, and comments may be seen at the Dockets Management Branch (address above), between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The report and recommendations represent the agency's current position on the issues discussed therein, however, they do not create or confer any rights, privileges, or benefits for or on any person, nor do they operate to bind FDA in any way. CVM will consider any comments received in determining the continued appropriateness of the recommendations in the report regarding the approval of FQ's for animal use.

Dated: December 27, 1995.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. FR-4007-D-01]

Delegation of Concurrent Authority to the Deputy Secretary

AGENCY: Office of The Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of delegation of concurrent authority.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, concurrently with the Secretary, the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 28, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam E. Hutchinson, Associate General Counsel for Human Resources Law, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 10242, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0888. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may delegate any of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties to such officers and employees of the Department as the Secretary may designate, and may authorize successive redelegations of such functions, powers and duties as determined to be necessary or appropriate. In the delegation of authority issued today, the Secretary is delegating to the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to be exercised concurrently with the Secretary, with the exception of the power to sue and be sued.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dwight P. Robinson, is hereby authorized, concurrently with the Secretary, to exercise all the power and authority vested in or delegated or assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Section B. Authority Excepted

There is excepted from the authority delegated under Section the authority to sue and be sued.

Section C. Delegation of Concurrent Authority Superseded

The Delegation of Concurrent Authority to the President, Government National Mortgage Association, published in the Federal Register on February 13, 1995, at 60 FR 8250, is hereby superseded.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: December 28, 1995.

Henry G. Cisneros,
Secretary of Housing and Urban
Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Lower Snake River District; Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will hold two meetings to discuss and develop draft statewide standards for rangeland health and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands. Public comment periods will be held at 1 p.m. on January 25 and at 8 p.m. on February 15.

DATES: January 25, 1996 beginning at 8:15 a.m.; and February 15, 1996, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Idaho State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Barry Rose,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 169X)]

Illinois Central Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in West Feliciana Parish, LA

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon approximately 0.8 miles of its line of railroad between milepost LB-9.7 to milepost LB-10.5 near Riddle (Zee), in West Feliciana Parish, LA.

IC has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) all overhead traffic previously routed over this line has been rerouted to alternate lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service

over the line either is pending with the Commission or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to use of this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10505(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, this exemption will be effective on February 3, 1996, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,¹ formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),² and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29³ must be filed by January 16, 1996. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by January 24, 1996, with: Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20423.⁴

A copy of any pleading filed with the Commission should be sent to applicant's representative: Myles L. Tobin, Illinois Central Railroad Company, 455 North Cityfront Plaza Dr., 20th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.

If the notice of exemption contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

IC has filed an environmental report which addresses the abandonment's

¹ A stay will be issued routinely by the Commission in those proceedings where an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Commission's Section of Environmental Analysis in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the effective date of the notice of exemption. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any entity seeking a stay on environmental concerns is encouraged to file its request as soon as possible in order to permit the Commission to review and act on the request before the effective date of this exemption.

² See *Exempt. of Rail Abandonment—Offers of Finan. Assist.*, 4 I.C.C.2d 164 (1987).

³ The Commission will accept a late-filed trail use request as long as it retains jurisdiction to do so.

⁴ Legislation to sunset the Commission on December 31, 1995, and transfer remaining functions is currently under consideration. Until further notice, parties submitting pleadings should continue to use the current name and address.