

[Docket No. 96F-0291]

**ICI Americas Inc.; Filing of Food Additive Petition**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that ICI Americas Inc., has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of 12-hydroxystearic acid-polyethylene glycol (minimum MW 200) block copolymer as a surfactant in the manufacture of paper and paperboard intended for use in contact with food.

**DATES:** Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by September 25, 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:** Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-216), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

**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 6B4519) has been filed by ICI Americas Inc., 3411 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19850. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations to provide for the safe use of 12-hydroxystearic acid-polyethylene glycol (minimum MW 200) block copolymer as a surfactant in the manufacture of paper and paperboard 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 September 25, 1996, 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: August 8, 1996.

Alan M. Rulis,

*Director, Office of Premarket Approval,  
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.*  
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**Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces forthcoming meetings of public advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This notice also summarizes the procedures for the meetings and methods by which interested persons may participate in open public hearings before FDA's advisory committees.

FDA has established an Advisory Committee Information Hotline (the hotline) using a voice-mail telephone system. The hotline provides the public with access to the most current information on FDA advisory committee meetings. The advisory committee hotline, which will disseminate current information and information updates, can be accessed by dialing 1-800-741-8138 or 301-443-0572. Each advisory committee is assigned a 5-digit number. This 5-digit number will appear in each individual notice of meeting. The hotline will enable the public to obtain information about a particular advisory committee by using the committee's 5-digit number. Information in the hotline is preliminary and may change before a meeting is actually held. The hotline will be updated when such changes are made.

**MEETINGS:** The following advisory committee meetings are announced:

**Anesthesiology and Respiratory Therapy Devices Panel of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee**

*Date, time, and place.* September 20, 1996, 9:45 a.m., Corporate Bldg., conference room 020B, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD. A limited number of overnight accommodations have been reserved at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Blvd., Gaithersburg, MD. Attendees requiring overnight accommodations may contact the hotel at 301-590-0044 and reference the FDA Panel meeting block. Reservations will be confirmed at the group rate based on availability. Attendees with a disability requiring special accommodations should contact Shirley L. Meeks, Conference Management, 301-594-1283, ext. 113. The availability of appropriate accommodations cannot be assured unless prior written notification is received.

*Type of meeting and contact person.* Closed committee deliberations, 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m.; open public hearing, 11 a.m. to 12 m., unless public participation does not last that long; open committee discussion, 12 m. to 4 p.m.; Michael G. Bazaral, Center for Devices and Radiological Health (HFZ-450), Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-443-8609, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Hotline, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), Anesthesiology and Respiratory Therapy Devices Panel, code 12624. Please call the hotline for information concerning any possible changes.

*General function of the committee.* The committee reviews and evaluates data on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational devices and makes recommendations for their regulation.

*Agenda—Open public hearing.* Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before September 12, 1996, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time required to make their comments.

*Open committee discussion.* The committee will hear presentations and public comment on the development of a guidance document for premarket notification submissions for continuous positive airway pressure devices for