

List of Subjects

19 CFR Part 123

Administrative practice and procedure, Aliens, Canada, Customs duties and inspection, Fees, Forms, Immigration, Imports, Mexico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Test programs.

Amendments to the Regulations

For the reasons stated above, it is proposed to amend part 123 of the Customs Regulations (19 CFR part 123), as set forth below:

PART 123—CUSTOMS RELATIONS WITH CANADA AND MEXICO

1. The authority citation for part 123 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 19 U.S.C. 66, 1202 (General Note 20, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)), 1431, 1433, 1624.

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2. In § 123.1, it is proposed to amend the first sentence in paragraph (a) by adding the words “, unless excepted by voluntary enrollment in and compliance with PORTPASS—a joint Customs Service/Immigration and Naturalization Service facilitated entry program (See, Immigration and Naturalization Regulations at 8 CFR 235.13),” after the words “Individuals arriving in the United States”; and, to amend paragraph (b) by removing the second and third sentences and adding, in their place, the sentence that reads as follows:

§ 123.1 Report of arrival from Canada or Mexico and permission to proceed.

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(b) *Vehicles.* * * *. Upon arrival of the vehicle in the U.S., the driver shall, unless he or she and all of the vehicle's occupants are excepted by enrollment in, and in compliance with, PORTPASS—a joint Customs Service/Immigration and Naturalization Service facilitated entry program (See, Immigration and Naturalization Regulations at 8 CFR 235.1 and 286.8), immediately report such arrival to Customs, and shall not depart or discharge any passenger or merchandise (including baggage) without authorization by the appropriate Customs officer.

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Approved: July 29, 1996.

George J. Weise,

Commissioner of Customs.

Dennis M. O'Connell,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Food and Drug Administration**

21 CFR Parts 70, 71, 80, 101, 107, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 177, 178, 184, and 1250

[Docket No. 96N-0149]

RIN 0910-AA69

Reinvention of Regulations Needing Revisions; Request for Comments on Certain Regulations

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending the comment period on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking to reinvent certain regulations; the advance notice appeared in the Federal Register of June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29701). The agency is taking this action in response to several requests for an extension of the comment period. This extension is intended to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments to FDA on the proposed reinvention of certain regulations.

DATES: Written comments by October 10, 1996.

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: Corinne L. Howley, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-24), 200 C St., SW, Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of June 12, 1996 (61 FR 29701), FDA issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to reinvent certain regulations that appear to need revision. These regulations were identified by FDA as candidates for revocation following a page-by-page review of its regulations that the agency conducted in response to the Administration's "Reinventing Government" initiative. Interested person were given until September 10, 1996, to comment on the advance notice.

FDA received several requests for an extension of the comment period on its advance notice of proposed rulemaking to reinvent certain regulations. After careful consideration, FDA has decided

to extend the comment period to October 10, 1996, to allow additional time for the submission of comments on whether the regulations discussed in the advance notice should be revised.

Interested persons may, on or before October 10, 1996, submit to Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding this proposal. 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.

Dated: September 9, 1996.

William B. Schultz,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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21 CFR Part 101

[Docket No. 96N-0244]

Food Labeling; Declaration of Free Glutamate in Food

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is considering establishing requirements for label information about the free glutamate content of foods. The recent finding of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) that oral ingestion of 3 or more grams (g) of monosodium glutamate (MSG) without food can cause adverse reactions in certain otherwise healthy individuals has prompted the agency to consider what action is necessary to protect consumers from inadvertently ingesting levels of MSG or other forms of free glutamate that could cause an adverse reaction. Thus, the agency seeks public comment on whether additional labeling requirements are necessary to protect glutamate-intolerant consumers from adverse reactions, and, if so, how such labeling requirements should be implemented. The agency also solicits comment on establishing formal criteria for the use of claims about the absence of MSG to ensure that labels bearing such claims are not misleading. The agency solicits comment on whether such criteria should be based on a defined threshold level of free glutamate in a finished food, on the ingredients used in the food, or both.