

principal and interest as directed by the Participant. No action by the Participant is required in connection with the payment of a Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Security, unless otherwise expressly required.

§ 912.6 Authority of Federal Reserve Banks.

(a) Each Federal Reserve Bank is hereby authorized as fiscal agent of the Federal Home Loan Banks to perform functions with respect to the issuance of Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities, in accordance with the terms of the applicable offering notice and with procedures established by the Federal Home Loan Banks; to service and maintain Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities in accounts established for such purposes; to make payments of principal, interest and redemption premium (if any), as directed by the Federal Home Loan Banks; to effect transfer of Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities between Participants' Securities Accounts as directed by the Participants; and to perform such other duties as fiscal agent as may be requested by the Federal Home Loan Banks.

(b) Each Federal Reserve Bank may issue Operating Circulars not inconsistent with this part 912, governing the details of its handling of Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities, Security Entitlements, and the operation of the book-entry system under this part 912.

§ 912.7 Liability of Federal Home Loan Banks and Federal Reserve Banks.

The Federal Home Loan Banks and the Federal Reserve Banks may rely on the information provided in a tender, transaction request form, other transaction documentation, or Transfer Message, and are not required to verify the information. The Federal Home Loan Banks and the Federal Reserve Banks shall not be liable for any action taken in accordance with the information set out in a tender, transaction request form, other transaction documentation, or Transfer Message, or evidence submitted in support thereof.

§ 912.8 Notice of attachment for Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities.

The interest of a debtor in a Security Entitlement may be reached by a creditor only by legal process upon the Securities Intermediary with whom the debtor's securities account is maintained, except where a Security Entitlement is maintained in the name of a secured party, in which case the debtor's interest may be reached by legal

process upon the secured party. These regulations do not purport to establish whether a Federal Reserve Bank is required to honor an order or other notice of attachment in any particular case or class of cases.

§ 912.9 Reference to certain Department of Treasury commentary and determinations.

(a) The Department of Treasury TRADES Commentary (Appendix B to 31 CFR part 357) addressing the Department of Treasury regulations governing book-entry procedure for Treasury Securities is hereby referenced, so far as applicable and as necessarily modified to relate to Book-entry Federal Home Loan Bank Securities, as an interpretive aid to this part 912.

(b) Determinations of the Department of Treasury regarding whether a State shall be considered to have adopted Revised Article 8 for purposes of 31 CFR part 357, as published in the Federal Register or otherwise, shall also apply to this part 912.

§ 912.10 Obligations of United States with respect to Federal Home Loan Bank Securities.

Federal Home Loan Bank Securities are not obligations of the United States and are not guaranteed by the United States.

By the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Dated: November 7, 1996.

Bruce A. Morrison,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

21 CFR Part 73

[Docket No. 93G-0017]

Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Ferrous Lactate; Confirmation of Effective Date

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is confirming the effective date of September 4, 1996, for the final rule that appeared in the Federal Register of August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40317), and amended the color additive regulations to provide for the

safe use of ferrous lactate for the coloring of ripe olives.

DATES: Effective date confirmed: September 4, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of August 2, 1996 (61 FR 40317), FDA amended 21 CFR part 73 to add a new § 73.165 to provide for the use of ferrous lactate for the coloring of ripe olives.

FDA gave interested persons until September 3, 1996, to file objections or requests for a hearing. The agency received no objections or requests for a hearing on the final rule. Therefore, FDA finds that the effective date of the final rule that published in the Federal Register of August 2, 1996, should be confirmed.

List of Subjects in 21 CFR Part 73

Color additives, Cosmetics, Drugs, Medical devices.

Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (secs. 201, 401, 402, 403, 409, 501, 502, 505, 601, 602, 701, 721 (21 U.S.C. 321, 341, 342, 343, 348, 351, 352, 355, 361, 362, 371, 379e)) and under authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs and redelegated to the Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, notice is given that no objections or requests for a hearing were filed in response to the August 2, 1996, final rule. Accordingly, the amendments promulgated thereby became effective September 4, 1996.

Dated: November 21, 1996.

Fred R. Shank,

Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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