

the crop year for which the cancellation of this option is to be effective.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on December 20, 1996.

Kenneth D. Ackerman,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance
Corporation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 35

[Docket No. PRM-35-14]

IsoStent, Inc.; Withdrawal of Petition for Rulemaking

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking:
Withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing, at the petitioner's request, a petition for rulemaking (PRM-35-14) filed by IsoStent, Inc. By a letter dated May 9, 1996, the petitioner requested that the NRC amend its regulations by adding a new section to address permanently implanted intraluminal stents, including phosphorus-32 and strontium-89 radioisotope stents. The petitioner also requested that the NRC add a new section to specify training and experience requirements for qualified physicians responsible for placing radioisotope stents in patients. The NRC published a Federal Register notice on June 27, 1996 (61 FR 33388) announcing receipt of the petition. Recently, in another letter dated October 24, 1996, the petitioner requested that the petition be withdrawn based on public comments received by the NRC on this petition, and other information.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the petitioner's letter requesting the withdrawal of the petition is available for public inspection, or copying for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

Single copies of the petitioner's letter may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules Review Section, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services,

Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: 301-415-7163 or Toll Free: 800-368-5642, or E-mail MTL@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
John C. Hoyle,

Secretary of the Commission.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

11 CFR Part 104

[Notice 1996-21]

Recordkeeping and Reporting by Political Committee: Best Efforts

AGENCY: Federal Election Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On October 9, 1996, the Federal Election Commission published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requesting comments on proposed changes to its regulations requiring treasurers of political committees to exercise best efforts to obtain and report the complete identification of each individual who contributes more than \$200 per calendar year. The Commission has decided to extend the comment period until January 31, 1997.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be made in writing and addressed to: Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Susan E. Propper, Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Rosemary C. Smith, Senior Attorney, at (202) 219-3690 or toll free (800) 424-9530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has initiated a rulemaking to determine what changes should be made to its regulations at 11 CFR 104.7(b) (1) and (3) in light of the recent court decision in *Republican National Committee v. Federal Election Commission*, 76 F.3d 400 (D.C. Cir. 1996), *petition for cert. filed*, 65 U.S.L.W. 3186 (U.S. Sept. 9, 1996) (No. 96-415). The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking indicated that the comment period ended on December 6, 1996. 61 F.R. 52901 (Oct. 9, 1996). The Commission received several comments and one request to extend the comment period. The Commission notes that those who were engaged in general election activity or who are engaged in

concluding their 1996 election activities may not have found it possible to submit timely comments. Accordingly, the Commission has concluded that it would be appropriate to extend the comment period until January 31, 1997 to allow commenters sufficient time to prepare their comments and suggestions.

Dated: December 24, 1996.

Lee Ann Elliott,

Chairman, Federal Election Commission.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 202

[Regulation B; Docket No. R-0876]

Equal Credit Opportunity

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Board is withdrawing a proposed amendment to Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity) that would have eliminated the general prohibition on collecting data relating to an applicant's sex, race, color, religion, and national origin.

DATES: This proposed rule is withdrawn December 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Jensen Gell, Sheilah Goodman or Natalie Taylor, Staff Attorneys, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at (202) 452-3667 or 452-2412; for the hearing impaired only, Dorothea Thompson, Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, at (202) 452-3544.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) makes it unlawful for creditors to discriminate in any aspect of a credit transaction on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, age (provided the applicant has the capacity to contract), because all or part of an applicant's income derives from any public assistance, or because an applicant has in good faith exercised any right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act. The ECOA, which is implemented by the Board's Regulation B, is generally silent regarding what information a creditor may collect from an applicant. Regulation B prohibits creditors from asking for or otherwise noting an applicant's sex, race, color,