

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

[Docket No. 97D-0224]

Substances Prohibited From Use in Animal Food or Feed; Animal Proteins Prohibited From Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide; Availability**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a compliance guide entitled "Animal Proteins Prohibited from Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide." This compliance guide is intended to help small entities comply with the final rule prohibiting the use of protein derived from mammals (with certain exceptions) in the feed of the ruminant animals. This action is being taken under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of "Animal Proteins Prohibited from Ruminant Feed; Small Entity Compliance Guide" to the Communications Staff, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-12), 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your requests. Copies are also available on CVM's Internet Website at "http://www.cvm.fda.gov/". Submit written comments on the compliance guide to Gloria J. Dunnavan (address below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria J. Dunnavan, Center for Veterinary Medicine (HFV-230), Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 301-594-1726.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the **Federal Register** of June 5, 1997 (62 FR 30936), FDA issued a final rule to prohibit the use of protein derived from mammals (with certain exceptions) in the feed of ruminant animals. This final rule is effective August 4, 1997.

Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (Pub. L. 104-121), FDA is announcing the availability of a compliance guide which is intended to help small businesses comply with the requirements of the new rule.

This compliance guide represents the agency's current thinking on compliance with the final rule. It does

not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute, regulations, or both.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**

[HCFA-2540S]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System Cost Report; *Form No.:* HCFA-2540S; *Use:* This cost report is used by free standing SNFs to achieve a final accounting adjustment of costs for health care services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries. *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 1,441; *Total Annual Hours:* 142,659.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to

Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Attention: Louis Blank, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Edwin J. Glatzel,
Director, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Office of Financial and Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Resources and Services Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Application (OMB No. 0915-0140)—Extension—This is a request for