

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with section 3507 of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3507), FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance:

Export of Medical Devices—Foreign Letters of Approval—21 U.S.C. 381(e)(2) (OMB Control No. 0910-0264—Reinstatement)

Section 801(e)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) (21

U.S.C. 381(e)(2)) provides for the exportation of an unapproved device under certain circumstances if the exportation is not contrary to the public health and safety and it has the approval of the foreign country to which it is intended for export.

Requesters communicate (either directly or through a business associate in the foreign country) with a representative of the foreign government to which they seek exportation, and written authorization must be obtained

from the appropriate office within the foreign government approving the importation of the medical device. FDA uses the written authorization from the foreign country to determine whether the foreign country has any objection to the importation of the device.

The respondents to this collection of information are companies that seek to export medical devices.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
20	1	20	0.5	10

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

These estimates are based on the experience of FDA's medical device program personnel. In fiscal year 1995, FDA received approximately 800 requests from U.S. firms to export medical devices under section 801(e)(2) of the act. However, the enactment of the Food and Drug Export Reform and Enhancement Act of 1996 has greatly reduced the number of export permit requests made under section 801(e)(2) to an estimated 20 per year.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy
Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97F-0406]

Sveriges Stärkelseproducenter; Filing of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Sveriges Stärkelseproducenter has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of industrial starch modified by treatment with up to 21 percent 2,3-epoxypropyl trimethylammonium chloride, as a component of food-contact articles.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew J. Zajac, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food

and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3095.

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 7B4558) has been filed by Sveriges Stärkelseproducenter, c/o Kirschman Associates, P.O. Box 88, Emmaus, PA 18049. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3520 *Industrial starch-modified* (21 CFR 178.3520) to provide for the safe use of industrial starch modified by treatment with up to 21 percent 2,3-epoxypropyl trimethylammonium chloride, as a component of food-contact articles.

The agency has determined under 21 CFR 25.32(i) that this action is of the type that does not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

Dated: September 15, 1997.

Alan M. Rulis,
Director, Office of Premarket Approval,
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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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: New Collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Primary Caregivers for the District of Columbia's Managed Care Demonstration for Disabled and Special Needs Children and Supporting Statute Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act; *Form No.:* HCFA-R-212; *Use:* This survey will collect information from primary caregivers of Disabled and Special Needs Children about household composition, access to care, health status, functional status, home care, family care giving burden, satisfaction, and out-of-pocket expenditures on disabled and special needs children living in the District of Columbia who are enrolled in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This instrument is designed to support a series of analytic studies, which will eventually provide HCFA, Assistant Secretary of Planning and