committees by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner). The Commissioner has determined that it is in the public interest to renew the charters of the committees listed below for an additional 2 years beyond charter expiration date. The new charters will be in effect until the dates of expiration listed below. This notice is issued under the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92–463 (5 U.S.C. app. 2)).

DATES: Authority for these committees will expire on the dates indicated below unless the Commissioner formally determines that renewal is in the public interest.

Name of committee	Date of expiration
Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee	February 15, 1999
National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee	July 6, 1999
Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee	August 27, 1999
Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants	December 2, 1999
Food Advisory Committee	December 18, 1999
Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee	December 31, 1999

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna M. Combs, Committee Management Office (HFA–306), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4820.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Lead Deputy Commissioner for the Food and Drug Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 98F–0052]

Monsanto Co.; Filing a Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that Monsanto Co. has filed a petition proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of L-Phenylanlanine,N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L-α-aspartyl]-,1-methyl ester for use as a tabletop sweetener. Monsanto Co. also proposes that this additive be identified as neotame.

DATES: Written comments on the petitioner's environmental assessment by March 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1–23, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Blondell Anderson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202–418–3106.

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 8A4580) has been filed by Monsanto Co., 5200 Old Orchard Rd., Skokie, IL 60077. The petition proposes to amend the food additive regulations in 21 CFR part 172 to provide for the safe use of L-Phenylanlanine,N-[N-(3,3-dimethylbutyl)-L-α -aspartyl]-,1-methyl ester as a tabletop sweetener and for the additive to be identified as neotame.

The potential environmental impact of this action is being reviewed. To encourage public participation consistent with regulations promulgated under the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.4(b)), the agency is placing the environmental assessment submitted with the petition that is the subject of this notice on display at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) for public review and comment. Interested persons may, on or before March 12, 1998, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments. 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. FDA will also place on public display any amendments to, or comments on, the petitioner's environmental assessment without further announcement in the **Federal Register**. If, based on its review, the agency finds that an environmental impact statement is not required and this petition results in a regulation, the notice of availability of the agency's finding of no significant impact and the evidence supporting that finding will be published with the regulation in the **Federal Register** in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40(c).

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Laura M. Tarantino,

Acting Director, Office of Premarket Approval, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4256–N–03]

Notice of Funding Availability for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1997 and Fiscal Year 1998; and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State; Amendment and Extension of Application Deadline

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Amendment to notice of funding availability and extension of application deadline.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the application deadline for the combined fiscal year (FY) 1997 and FY 1998 NOFA for the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for Small Communities in New York State, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 65970). This notice establishes the application deadline to be April 2, 1998. This notice also amends that NOFA to clarify the special limitations for multiyear plan recipients.