

advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and ATSDR on updates regarding the progress of current studies.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Persons for More Information: Steven A. Adams, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-35, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-7040, FAX 770/488-7044.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Allergenic Products Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Name of Committee: Allergenic Products Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on March 24, 1998, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. by teleconference.

Location: Food and Drug Administration, Bldg. 29, conference room 121, 8800 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. This meeting will be held by telephone conference call. A speaker phone will be provided in the conference room to allow public participation in the meeting.

Contact Person: William Freas or Sheila D. Langford, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-21), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, 301-827-0314 or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 (301-443-0572 in the

Washington, DC area), code 12388. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The committee will receive an update on the status of standardized grasses and discuss how candidate allergens for future standardization should be identified.

Procedure: On March 24, 1998, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by March 18, 1998. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal presentations should notify the contact person before March 18, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Closed Committee Deliberations: On March 24, 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion and review of trade secret and/or confidential information (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4)). This portion of the meeting will be closed to hear and review trade secret and/or confidential information on pending investigational new drugs.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Michael A. Friedman,

Deputy Commissioner for Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 92F-0392]

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft; Withdrawal of Food Additive Petition

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the withdrawal, without prejudice to a future filing, of a food additive petition (FAP 2B4344) proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of polyhydric

alcohol esters and calcium salts of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids as lubricants for all polymers intended for use in contact with food.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vir D. Anand, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-215), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3081.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** of January 7, 1993 (58 FR 3027), FDA announced that a food additive petition (FAP 2B4344) had been filed by Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft, c/o 1001 G St. NW., suite 500 West, Washington, DC 20001. The petition proposed to amend the food additive regulations in § 178.3770 *Polyhydric alcohol esters of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids* (21 CFR 178.3770) to provide for the safe use of polyhydric alcohol esters and calcium salts of oxidatively refined (Gersthofen process) montan wax acids as lubricants for all polymers intended for use in contact with food. Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft has now withdrawn the petition without prejudice to a future filing (21 CFR 171.7).

Dated: February 12, 1998.

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 Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)-443-1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL)

Program: Physicians's Certification of Borrower's Total and Permanent Disability Form (OMB No. 0915-0204)